

VALERIE GROVE
Mark Tully sticks to anti-Birt guns
Interview, page 13

SANDWICH GOLF
Full details and first-round analysis
Sport, pages 38 and 40



OPENING NIGHT
Royal welcome for dinosaur mania
Alison Roberts, page 3

GENIUS IN BLUE GENES
Rock on Friday
Page 31

THE TIMES

No. 64,698 FRIDAY JULY 16 1993 SL 45p

PM risks all over Maastricht

Major makes vote test of his leadership

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major will next week take the biggest gamble of his political career by turning Thursday's vote on the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty into a test of his leadership.

The prime minister is making a personal appeal to Conservative MPs to defeat final attempts to derail the treaty or impose the social chapter on Britain, but is far from certain of succeeding.

If the Conservative whips cannot cajole enough of the Euro-sceptic rebels back into the fold, Mr Major faces a defeat that could require him either to accept the social chapter before ratifying the treaty — something he has vowed never to do — or leave the whole Maastricht process in limbo. Many MPs believe that both would leave the prime minister severely damaged.

The rebels will come under intense pressure in the week ahead, but at the moment the result is balanced on a knife-edge. If anything, a small group of them appeared to be hardening in their resolve. So crucial is the occasion that seriously ill MPs, including Michael Heseltine, who is recovering from a heart attack, and John Patten, taken into hospital yesterday with viral gastro-enteritis, will be wheeled in to vote.

Mr Major himself will take the highest possible profile in urging MPs to back the treaty he signed at Maastricht. On Sunday he is to give his first lengthy television interview for several months; he will open next Thursday's debate; and as it nears its climax, he will make a further appeal to a full meeting of the 1922 committee. It will be a day of high drama at Westminster.

As the government tabled its motion for the debate, and Labour countered with an amendment, it appeared that Mr Major faced double jeopardy.

The government motion is bland, merely "noting" its policy on the social chapter. But the Labour amendment, requiring the government to accept the social chapter before ratification, poses the biggest threat to Mr Major since the so-called paving debate in November last year.

It is likely to have the support of the Liberal Democrats, the Ulster Unionists, most of the minority party MPs, and an unspecified number of Tory rebels.

But even if the amendment fails, another threat is lurking. A vote would then take place on the government's motion. If it were defeated, the Maastricht treaty act could not come into force.

Under the "ticking time-bomb" amendments passed during the Commons detailed stages, the act cannot come into force until the House "has come to a resolution" on the government motion. According to independent procedural experts at the Commons, the failure of a government motion would mean that this condition had not been met. This would leave the Act in limbo. The government would have to come back to the House with another motion, and the process could go on until it succeeded in getting a motion through the Commons. Parliamentary business for the week after next has been arranged to allow for extra debates if necessary.

Mr Major is meanwhile giving no clue to his intentions should he lose. In the Commons yesterday he repeatedly refused John Smith's demands to say that he would accept the outcome. The prime minister would say only: "I expect the government motion to be carried, and I expect to ratify the treaty I signed." He insisted: "The House has shown its support for the treaty. I expect it will do so again." As MPs considered the arithmetic of the vote next week, they assumed that the government would be tempted to offer a deal to the Ulster Unionists to bring them on board, but one Unionist MP said yesterday that "encouraging noises" would not be enough: "We would need to be sure of something we can take home to the punters."

The Euro-sceptics will meanwhile have to decide whether to risk the anger of their constituency parties by voting for the social chapter, albeit as a means of stopping the treaty. Several said yesterday that it was becoming increasingly clear that Mr Major would not accept the social chapter, and that they could vote for it safe in the knowledge that no Conservative government would allow it to be imposed on the country.

They felt that had to seize the last available chance to stop the treaty. One of them called it "the finale". Another said: "When you are playing roulette, you have to bet to win."

Dwindling Tories, page 2
Politics, page 7
Diary, page 16
Leading article, page 17

John Patten ill

John Patten, education secretary, was admitted to the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, west London, with viral gastro-enteritis. Officials said he could be out of action for some time.

Second attack this year on 'king of diamonds'



Stolen heart: a 25-carat diamond identical to the £2 million gem taken yesterday from the Graff workshop in Hatton Garden, London

Gunmen escape with £7m gems

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THREE armed robbers raided the Hatton Garden workshops of one of the world's most exclusive jewellers yesterday and escaped with stones worth up to £7 million.

One 25.78-carat heart-shaped stone taken, the size of a £1 coin, is estimated to be worth more than £2 million. The raiders overlooked a 32-carat diamond left on a work surface as they scooped up hundreds of stones from the safe at the Graff workshops in Greville Street, London.

The missing stone, with a flawless blue and white heart, was intended for a necklace, and experts believe that the robbers will find it difficult to sell such a distinctive item. Police think they had the combinations for two security doors leading into the safe room of the workshops. Det Inspector Robin Berger, of Scotland Yard's robbery squad, said: "It was very well planned. It was the four-minute robbery."

Lawrence Graff, head of the firm, said: "It would be a very difficult stone to recut." He urged the robbers not to try to reshape the diamond.

Graff supply jewellery and valuable stones to some of the world's wealthiest individuals. Over the years Mr Graff, whose showrooms are in Bond Street and Knightsbridge, has become known as a top dealer and the "king of the diamonds".

Earlier this year jewellery worth £2 million was taken from his Knightsbridge shop by robbers who drilled through a wall. Police are investigating whether the earlier incident could have been connected with yesterday's raid.

Ministers 'misled Parliament'

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

FOREIGN Office ministers misled Parliament over the government's policy on selling arms to Iraq and deliberately kept from the public a decision to ease restrictions on deals with the Baghdad regime, the Scott enquiry was told yesterday.

Ministers and officials agreed to favour Iraq after the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. But months later, in April 1989, Lord Glenarthur assured the Lords that there had been no change to the policy of applying equally strict rules to both states.

A few days later, William Waldegrave confirmed the shift in a letter to a ministerial colleague, but said that it had been decided not to announce it publicly. Both Mr Waldegrave, then a Foreign Office minister, and Lord Howe, then foreign secretary, subsequently wrote to MPs saying there had been no change in policy. Mr Waldegrave also recommended that John Major, who succeeded Lord Howe as foreign secretary, should travel to Iraq to build commercial links with the Gulf state.

The apparent official adoption of double standards was disclosed yesterday when a former diplomat told the Scott enquiry that he had been part of a cover-up.

Mark Higson, who worked as a diplomat for ten years and was an Iraqi desk officer at the Foreign Office in April 1989, told the enquiry that he had drafted Lord Glenarthur's reply to a question from Lord Kilbracken in which the minister told the Lords that strict guidelines were scrupulously applied to both sides. "The Foreign Office did not want the House of Lords to know the true position," Mr Higson said. "I can't say why we were doing it at the time, but I agree with you that it wasn't telling the truth." Pressed by Miss Presiley Baxendale QC, for the enquiry, Mr Higson agreed that it was disreputable.

Earlier, Miss Baxendale had asked what sort of obligation he had felt when drafting an answer for Parliament. He replied: "I felt a 100 per cent obligation to the Foreign Office. I might have discussed questions with my head of department, but at the end of the day it was my obligation to keep to a stated policy as opposed to a non-stated policy. I can't say that I always liked it. It was a sham and a contributory reason as to why I left the Foreign Office." Lord Justice Scott asked: "So, there were various Foreign Office policy reasons for not wanting a more relaxed attitude to Iraq made public?" Mr Higson replied: "Yes."

The background to the secret shift had been set out at a series of meetings held by ministers and officials after the ceasefire in August 1988. At first there was a move to a general flexibility in Lord Howe's rules relating to exports, specifying an embargo on anything that would "significantly enhance" the capability of either side.

At the end of that year, a new phrase applied ruling out exports givign significant assistance to either side that might lead to a breach of the ceasefire. By February and March, the Salman Rushdie affair had convinced ministers and officials to tip

Continued on page 2, col 5

Shelling prompts fear of new war in Croatia

BY TOM RHODES

RED CROSS workers were evacuated yesterday from parts of Croatia after several towns were shelled by Serb artillery for the first time in months. The new fighting prompted fears of a further war in the former Yugoslavia.

The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which cares for 650,000 refugees and displaced persons in Croatia, said that its delegates were being evacuated from Osijek and Rijeka, both of which have come under shellfire.

A woman delegate was unable to leave Karlovac, the garrison town 25 miles south-west of Zagreb, which came under the heaviest bombardment. A further member of staff was withdrawn from Dubrovnik, where tension was said to be extremely high.

The UN believes that the latest Serb offensive has been triggered by a Croation decision on Sunday to open both the strategic Maslenica Bridge and the coastal airport at Zadar.

The Serbs, who control about 30 per cent of Croatian territory, are within easy range of both and have said they will use force to prevent them opening. A senior UN official said that the build-up of troops in this Krajina region made the risk of renewed war "very high".

In London, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, held talks with his German counterpart Klaus Kinkel, but failed to resolve their differences over whether sanctions should be imposed on Croatia.

Final offensive?, page 11

Lamont steals show as jobless tally falls

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE fifth successive monthly fall in unemployment yesterday prompted the prime minister to declare that the recovery was gathering pace.

Added to the surge in manufacturing output announced earlier this week, the 7,600 fall in the seasonally adjusted June jobless tally, to 2,909,200, gave John Major a welcome breathing space amid his mounting political problems.

But the relief on the Conservative benches was deflated by a sarcastic Commons intervention by Norman Lamont in which he took credit for the economic turnaround and all but renewed his charge that the prime minister had been wrong to sack him. The former Chancellor reeled off a string of encouraging economic markers, then said: "May I congratulate the new Chancellor on the rapid success of his policies?" A Labour MP interjected, shouting the unspoken message: "Why was I sacked?"

Mr Major tried to laugh off the barb, saying that Kenneth Clarke, smiling beside him, was "most grateful for your support for his policies". But the exchange was an unwelcome reminder of the resentment felt by Mr Lamont at the manner of his departure.

Privately, Tory MPs were encouraged by the evidence of recovery, but worried that their political fortunes would lag behind the upturn.

Business, page 21



Public given access to files

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

PERSONAL files held by government departments, including the police and education authorities, are to be opened for inspection.

William Waldegrave, the public service minister, announced yesterday that people would be able to examine their own files, including criminal records and details held by the social security department. He added, however, that the new statutory right of access to information would apply only to personal records compiled after new legislation was passed and not to personal records already in existence.

Unveiling the long-awaited white paper on open government, Mr Waldegrave said the right of access to personal records would be accompanied by provisions for correcting "inaccurate, misleading or out-of-date information."

Access to personal records is part of a wider initiative to promote greater open government by ending "the British disease", Whitehall's obsessive culture of secrecy. Under the proposals, a new code of practice will from April require Whitehall departments voluntarily to release a wide range of information on key policy decisions. The code will be policed by the existing parliamentary commissioner for administration.

Dismissing Mr Waldegrave's claim that the initiative would provide "a sure and lasting foundation" for open government, Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's citizen's charter spokesman, insisted Britain "would continue to have the most secretive government in the Western world".

Miss Mowlam said that Mr Waldegrave had expressed "a lot of nice words, and a lot of good intentions", but in the end "there was a deep failure to deliver the policy of open government that many MPs want to see".

White paper, page 7
Leading article, page 17

TOMORROW
IN THE TIMES
MAGAZINE

Bill Clinton: when the only way is up



● "Mrs Clinton herself has become a make or break issue. Clinton may be the first commander-in-chief in American history who cannot be discussed without reference to his wife."
Ben Macintyre on Clinton's chances of pulling through

Happy birthday Mick Jagger

● When I'm feeling a little depressed I start . . .
a) reading a novel
b) drinking heavily
c) putting on weight
d) a solo career
Joe Joseph asks could you be Mick at 50

Arts	29-31
Births, marriages, deaths	16
Chess	4,40
Court and Social	16
Crossword	20
Law Report	34
Leading articles	15
Letters	15,25
Motoring	33
Weather	20
TV & Radio	39

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 32; Belgium B Frs 65; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 250; Cyprus C£1.00; Denmark Dkr 16.00; Finland Mk 15.00; France F 12.00; Germany DM 4.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 350; Netherlands Fl 4.50; Irish Republic 60p; Italy L 3,300; Luxembourg Lf 60; Madeira Esc 225; Malta 43c; Morocco Dir 25.00; Norway Kr 16.00; Portugal Esc 275; Spain Pes 250; Sweden Skr 17.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.80; Tunisia Din 2.00; USA $3.00.

STEEPED IN MYSTERY



Lea & Perrins
ADD A LITTLE WORCESTER SAUCERY

Union chiefs deny deal with Smith on voting reform

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN Smith's claims of victory over the trade unions on reforming Labour's internal democracy began to unravel yesterday as the party's two largest unions publicly denied they had agreed to the party leader's most controversial reform proposal.

Mr Smith, attacked in the Commons by John Major on Labour's links with the unions, claimed yesterday there was a "consensus" on his proposals, and in spite of the trade union conference decisions against them, called on the unions to reconsider his reforms.

While campaigning for the Christchurch by-election, he said: "I hope everyone will look at these ideas afresh and consider whether they can support them."

But within hours, the "inner cabinet" of the TGWU transport union unanimously rejected any move to remove the collective voice of the unions from the local selection of Labour's parliamentary candidates. It is the most contentious aspect of Mr Smith's proposals now that he has compromised on maintaining the unions' role in the selection of the party leadership and accepted their moves towards the reduction of the block vote at Labour's annual conferences.

Labour MPs were still confident that the momentum for reform was swinging in Mr Smith's direction. They supported his decision to take a firm lead in the negotiations by attending Wednesday's meeting of a committee of union and party members and the agreement is likely to be backed by the national executive next week, even if the leading unions still oppose it. Mr Smith said yesterday that the party conference at the end of September would support for his reforms.

The MPs were delighted that Mr Smith had secured agreement for three key areas of reform from the party's trade union review committee.

Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, called for common sense to prevail. "John Smith has made a serious proposal to ensure that there is an open door at reduced entry prices to trade unionists who pay the political levy," Mr Kinnock said. That meant they could be full and authoritative participants in decisions made by the Labour party as individuals, he added.

Mr Smith's main opponent, Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, and John Edmonds, leader of the GMB general union, said that suggestions that an agreement had been reached with the unions over applying the principle of one member one vote to the selection of local candidates were "not true".

Without openly accusing Mr Smith of lying about what had gone on at the previous day's meeting, senior trade union leaders seem angry with Mr Smith and his team for misrepresenting the outcome of the meeting and for pulling what they acknowledge was a tactically successful, though still highly risky, coup over the issue.

Earlier in the Commons, Mr Major capitalised on Mr Smith's continuing difficulties over Labour's relations with the trade unions. He quoted a delegate at last week's TGWU conference in Bournemouth, Dorset, where Mr Smith was jeered and the union rejected his reforms, as saying of the unions and the Labour party: "We are not the dog wagging the tail, we are the dog."

To Conservative laughter and cheers, the prime minister said: "That is the true relationship between Labour and the unions: the unions are the dog, and Labour, they are the lamp-post!"

Mr Major also criticised the behaviour of trade unions at the Timex factory in Dundee, which is being closed by its American owners after a *lengthy and at times violent* industrial dispute.

Smith reforms, page 7
Diary and Roy Hattersley page 14

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prison service wins Strangeways contract

The prison service won the contract yesterday to run Manchester's Strangeways prison after defeating bids from Group 4 and other private firms. The prison, which was devastated by riots three years ago, is due to reopen in September after a multi-million pound rebuilding project.

Derek Lewis, prison service director, said the prison service bid offered the best value for money and a constructive use of prisoners' time. The Labour MP Joan Ruddock said the prison service's success proved that market testing and privatisation stood condemned.

Heart drug hope

A new drug could offer hope for millions of people suffering from heart failure. Researchers reported yesterday the drug, vesnarinone, can cut deaths by over 60 per cent. Dr Arthur Feldman of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, who organised the trial and whose study is in *New England Journal of Medicine*, said the results were a breakthrough.

Birt admits failure

John Birt, BBC director general, admitted yesterday that the corporation had failed to live up to its audience's expectations for high-quality drama. At a meeting organised by the Media Society in London, he said that an organisation with as many financial and creative resources as the BBC could "be expected to have a higher success rate".

Teacher's sacking 'fair'

A teacher who claimed he was sacked for concentrating on the "three Rs" lost his claim for unfair dismissal. Jack Smith, 61, had claimed he was sacked by the governors of New Milton Junior School in Hampshire because he clashed with the headmaster, John Crisp. The tribunal panel unanimously decided Mr Smith had been fairly dismissed.

Press tightens up code

The newspaper industry has strengthened its code of *practice in an attempt to stave off statutory controls. Under* new Press Complaints Commission rules, long-lens photography on private property is to be outlawed. The publication of material obtained by using bugs or intercepting private telephone calls is also forbidden.



Out of court: Ms Latimer after yesterday's settlement

Clare Latimer settles Scallywag libel action

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CLARE Latimer has settled her libel action against the satirical magazine *Scallywag* out of court.

The settlement, in which the magazine did not pay damages or costs and did not give an apology, will not affect a similar action being brought by the prime minister.

Simon Regan, *Scallywag's* editor, described as "a total climbdown" Ms Latimer's decision not to pursue her action in return for a promise that it would not repeat rumours of a relationship with Mr Major.

Ms Latimer, who runs a catering company, said she was satisfied with the settlement, which was reached in a private hearing.

She said: "None of the defendants could bring themselves to apologise and they had no means to meet any claims for damages or costs. In the circumstances, as they agreed to undertake to the court not to repeat the allegations, I am content to have reached a settlement."

Mr Major's solicitor, David Hooper, said the prime minister's action against the magazine was unaffected and would continue.

David Price, Scallywag's solicitor, said: "At court today there was a lot of wheeling and dealing in the corridor and then we finally settled. All we agreed to do was not to reprint that story. It was old and we weren't going to anyway so we lost nothing." He added that Scallywag was looking forward to the libel case with Mr Major in the High Court in October.

Last week, a similar libel action against the *New Statesman* was settled out of court, both Mr Major and Miss Latimer accepting £1,001 damages.

Prince and princess together at funeral

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PERSONAL differences were set aside yesterday as members of the royal family led 400 mourners at an ancient Norfolk church for the funeral of Ruth, Lady Fermoy, grandmother of the Princess of Wales.

In torrential St Swithun's day rain, the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived together, he from Sandringham and she from London, sharing an umbrella and a few words.

They sat side by side in the front pew of St Margaret's parish church, King's Lynn, for the 45-minute service for Lady Fermoy, who died last week at the age of 84.

They were joined by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, walking slowly but steadily and unaided, to mourn the passing of a woman who had been one of her staunchest and oldest friends.

Lady Fermoy regarded King's Lynn as home. Her late husband had been successively its MP and its mayor, and she founded the annual arts festival, running it for many years.

A large crowd of onlookers braved the downpour as the coffin, piled with white lilies, was borne into the church. In the hearse lay wreaths of white freesias and sweetpeas, one from the Queen and the *Duke of Edinburgh, one from* the Queen Mother, and another from the staff of the royal household.

Accompanying the coffin were Lady Fermoy's two surviving children, Frances Shand Kydd, mother of the princess, and the Hon Mary Roche, together with her grandson, the present Lord Fermoy.

In accordance with Lady Fermoy's wishes, the service was simple, without long-winded addresses. Canon Michael Yorke, vicar of St Margaret's, told the congregation that Lady Fermoy had wanted her funeral to be "positive, determined, hopeful and forward looking, just as she was as a person".

She was buried in the family churchyard of St Mary Magdalen, the parish church of Sandringham, beside her husband.



The Queen Mother mourned a dear friend

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Audacity, cheek by jowl with tradition

It must have been delicious! Who can begrudge him the sensation? Can any ex-chancellor of the Exchequor ever have looked more like the cat that got the cream?

Much earlier on sharp-eyed on-lookers had sensed that Norman Lamont had something to ask. He had entered the chamber some time before, during questions to his successor, Kenneth Clarke. Mr Lamont was dressed unusually smartly, his hair combed just so. Rosemary had obviously taken him in hand.

On arrival, Mr Lamont had made for his usual place, quite near the back, just a stone's throw, so to speak, from the prime minister. But his place was taken, for there is no "booking" of seats for anything for players.

The modest patch of green leather, from which not long ago, he had launched his famous assault on John Major, was occupied by Angela Knight (Erewash). She had a perfect right to be there. But one can understand Lamont's reluctance to sit elsewhere. This is the spot from which David Mellor *made his defiant resignation* speech. It is the spot from which (if I remember *right*) the then Mrs Thatcher declared to Dennis Skinner and the House (after losing her premiership): "You know, I think I'm beginning to enjoy this."

It was from here that the sacked Nigel Lawson cast his harpoon in Thatcher's direction. It was from here, or very close, that the then Sir Geoffrey Howe invited his cabinet colleagues to consider their position. Perhaps a small crimson plaque could be inlaid into the seatback, with a tasteful dagger motif?)

But what to do about the member for Erewash? Mr Lamont decided to sit on her knee.

Mrs Angela Knight is an attractive woman. She no doubt entertains the warmest feelings towards Mr Lamont, as we all do. But this was prime-time TV. There could hardly be a more public way of having an ex-chancellor on your knee. For Mr Lamont to launch a question from Mrs Knight's knee would have been liable to misinterpretation in the Midlands, where she comes from. It would have distracted attention from his argument.

So, as Mr Lamont's bottom began to descend, Mrs Knight tried very hard to move out of its way, which was probably his intention. But colleagues blocked her and she only managed to nudge a few inches sideways, leaving clear a tiny patch of green.

Mr Lamont managed to perch part of one buttock on this, crouching steeply forward, hunched in a praying position towards the seat in front. He was all but kneeling and she was all but squashed sideways, but decency was preserved. And, most important, his question was aimed from the Sir Geoffrey Howe memorial gun-emplacement.

It was an obvious question, as the best often are. He simply listed the growing signs of economic recovery, including that morning's further drop in unemployment, and asked whether all *this was not a terrific* achievement for so new a chancellor in so short a time?

Kenneth took the joke against himself squarely and grinned. Everybody laughed. The PM answered, straight-bat.

Earlier, and in a single gesture of his hand, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, summed up his opponent's style in a way more telling than words.

Clarke had been talking about his meeting with his own backbenchers, the 1922 Committee. In the course of his answer he managed to call it the 1992 Committee, and referred to its "economic sub-committee, I think it's called". His body language said "or whatever".

Gordon Brown just waved one arm casually, dismissively, mimmicking Clarke's insouciance. Details, details, mere details.

Armed raid ends DSS forgery racket

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

ARMED police helped to smash one of the biggest social security frauds yesterday when they seized forged benefit books with a face value of up to £35 million.

Five men were arrested as a team of police and officials from the social security department's organised-fraud unit broke into a flat above a glass merchant's shop in Brixton, south London. They found 10,000 high-quality forged benefit books including those for income support and family allowance. The books were bundled and packed into cardboard boxes, filing cabinets and a canvas bag in the kitchen, bedroom and cellar. Each book could have been used to claim £4,000.

The investigators also found piles of blank British birth certificates, driving licences and other identification documents. There was photocopying equipment in a front room but police could not say whether the documents had been printed on the premises. However, the forged books were put together on two trestle tables in a back bedroom.

Detective Superintendent Alan Elms, in charge of the operation, said: "This flat was producing a complete package including benefit books and identification documents for people who wanted to defraud the Department of Social Security. The documents are of a very good quality."

Although the government is to introduce new benefit books, the forged documents could have been used for a year. Officials estimate that organised crime costs more than £80 million a year in fraudulent benefit claims.

Police raided the flat above The Glass Shop at 9.30am after a three-week operation including surveillance of the premises. Officers from Scotland Yard's Tactical Firearms Unit burst into the building.

The five men detained are from south London. They were being questioned last night.

Ministers 'misled Parliament' over exports to Iraq

Continued from page 1

the balance in favour of Iraq and interpret the the old guidelines strictly for Iran.

That April, there was an exchange of letters about the new interpretation between Mr Waldegrave, the trade minister Lord Trefgarne and the defence minister Alan Clark. Part of one letter from Mr Waldegrave — probably to Lord Trefgarne — was read out to the enquiry yesterday. It said: "It was concluded that it was not right, for the present, to withdraw the guidelines



Glenarthur: denied policy change

and that it was preferable not to announce publicly any change in them. In addition, there are political factors affecting our relations with both Iran and Iraq, which I described at our meeting, which we have to take into account in deciding what arms we we should and should not supply to each country.

"Against this background, we agreed we should continue to interpret the guidelines more flexibly in respect of Iraq, as we have done in practice since the end of the last year, but we should revert to the stricter interpretation for Iran along the lines which operated before the ceasefire."

That summer, Mr Waldegrave wrote to the MPs Dame Elaine Kellet-Bowman and to Nigel Griffiths saying that there had been no change of policy. Lord Howe also stated that both sides were being treated equally in a letter to Labour's Peter Shore.

The principal reason the government wanted to favour Iraq was commercial; a policy fully set out by Mr Waldegrave in a handwritten annotation to a minute written on October 14 of that year.

Mr Waldegrave wrote: "I doubt if there is any future market of *such a scale where* the UK is potentially so well placed if we play our diplomatic hand correctly. Nor can I think of any major market where the importance of diplomacy is so great on our commercial position. We must not allow it to go the French Germans, Japanese or Koreans. The priority of Iraq in our policy should be very high. In commercial terms comparable to South Africa, in my view.

"I believe the secretary of state [then John Major] should go, and, earlier rather than later, in that the longer the visit is delayed the more he will carry the burden of the inevitably accumulated list of secondary problems (to home critics) as being an attempt at a new start (although that is not the way we would present this to the Iraqis). A few more Bazofts [the journalist who was hanged] or another bout of internal repression will make this more difficult."



If you're ever in meetings that can't be interrupted, you need one of these.



Even if you're too busy to answer right away, it's always better to know when someone's trying to get in touch.

A Hutchison Telecom tone pager with voice messaging means a gentle bleep or a discreet silent alert tells you the moment someone's called you.

You know there's a message – so when you're ready, you can simply call in and listen. It's like having an answering machine in your pocket.

In five brilliant colours, it costs just £49.99 – including VAT, connection and your first month's subscription. Then all you pay is a *low fixed monthly fee.*

ONLY HUTCHISON TELECOM GIVES YOU ALL THIS

- Nationwide coverage for a single low fixed cost
- 2 hour replacement for lost, stolen or damaged pagers
- 3 year warranty with free insurance
- The only pagers that can work across Europe
- Faster, more accurate messaging
- Exclusive British-made Philips technology

You're better connected with Hutchison Telecom

Available nationwide. For your nearest stockist or more information, call free on 0800 28 28 26

Hutchison Telecom
Telecommunications from Hutchison Whampoa Limited

If your child is taking A-levels/GCSEs
-you have a tough time ahead!

You can help!
Summer holiday 4-day Seminar in
Study Skills

How your child will benefit: Students emerge from these seminars highly motivated towards their studies, and possess skills in speed reading, memory, advanced notetaking, essay planning, stress management, listening, and correct study methods.

Ideally suited to students in the age range of 15 to 19 years. This unique, high powered 4-day programme has been proven over seven years with thousands of students.

Cost: £98.00 (Visa accepted)
Venue: Kings College, London (Chelsea Campus, Hall of Res. accom. available £10.50 b&b)
Dates: Tues 10th - Fri 13th August (9am to 3pm)
Tues 17th - Fri 20th August (9am to 3pm)

For a free brochure with full details:
☎ 0737 554933
Learning Performance Seminars

هكذا من الأصل

Judge orders son to share £8m art inheritance

By John Young

■ Marcus Margulies, the chairman of Time Products, has lost his claim to be sole beneficiary of his parents' will

A FAMILY dispute over who should inherit an £8 million art collection was resolved yesterday by a High Court judge who ruled that it should be shared by the late owner's three children. The collection includes Monet's *View of Westminster Bridge*, which alone is valued at £4 million.

Marcus Margulies, 51, the eldest son of Alexander Margulies, founder of Time Products, the watch and jewellery distribution company, had claimed that under his parents' will he was the sole beneficiary. But Mr Justice Rattee said he was a dishonest and unreliable witness and ordered him to pay the costs of the case, estimated at £500,000. It was also clear from Marcus's evidence that his father "was willing to resort to dishonesty in his dealings with the Inland Revenue, dishonesty to which Marcus himself was willing to be a party", the judge said.

The dispute centred upon three wills drawn up in 1971, 1978 and 1982 by Alexander Margulies, who died in 1991, aged 88, and his wife, Stella, who died a year earlier, aged 82. The first divided the collection and estate equally between the three children; the second left the Monet solely to Marcus; and the third cut out the younger son Stephen, 47, leaving the art collection to Marcus and the rest of the estate to his sister, Judith Sacerdoti, 45.

The two younger children had asked the judge to uphold the 1971 will, claiming that their mother, who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, was not of sound mind when she and her husband made the 1978 will.

But Marcus, the present chairman of Time Products, claimed that the 1978 will had been destroyed, that his mother had died intestate and that under the 1982 will he had been left everything. He told the court that his father cut Stephen out of the 1982 will because he was "concerned about his lifestyle".

But in his decision yesterday the judge said he found Marcus "a very unreliable witness" and did not think that he had been "frank and honest".

Marcus had told the court that his father had given him valuable pictures during his lifetime and accepted that the Inland Revenue was never told of such gifts and agreed they were made "irrespective of any breach of law by way of evasion of tax or otherwise". Alexander Margulies "regarded his wife's property as his own to do with what he would, regardless of legality or honesty in relation thereto", the judge continued.

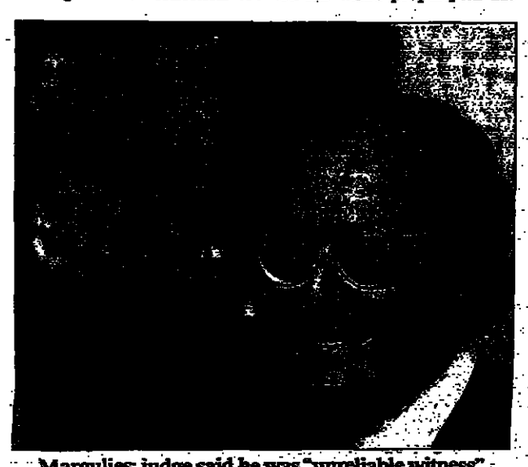
He was satisfied that Mrs Margulies never asked her husband or anyone else to destroy the 1978 will. But on the evidence he found that, because of her illness, she never had the mental capacity to make that will, and he must therefore grant probate for the last valid will in 1971.

Alexander Margulies had enjoyed success as a businessman, and he and his wife were happily married and lived in considerable comfort. Marcus had followed his father into the business, but Stephen's decision not to do so, and to make his own way in South America, was a source of "very strained relations".

The father was a determined and forceful man, accustomed to having his own way and reluctant to accept any constraints on his freedom of action. Although Stephen's decision not to join the business was a cause of sadness to his mother, it was extremely unlikely that she would have wished him cut off from his inheritance.

Marcus Margulies, who was not in court yesterday to hear the judgment, was said to be out of the country. Stephen, who was described by the judge as a "frank and honest" witness, refused to comment as he left. Sam Sylvester, solicitor for Mrs Sacerdoti, said: "She is deeply distressed that the family should ever have come to this. She now hopes that they can get together to resolve matters."

Alexander Margulies, who collected works by Chagall, Picasso and Epstein, as well as the Monet, arrived in Britain from Germany in 1931 and was a leading benefactor of the Anglo-Jewish community. During the second world war he established a factory manufacturing aircraft components which employed refugees from Nazi Germany.



Margulies: judge said he was "unreliable witness"

SIMON WALKER



Close encounter: Dr Jack Horner, the dinosaur expert who advised Steven Spielberg and was the inspiration for one of the characters

Opening of dinosaur epic is beastly success

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

BRITISH cinema-goers fell for the *Jurassic Park* hype yesterday, even if critics did not. The film opened in London and there were previews at 400 cinemas across the country, with tickets as prized as dinosaur DNA.

A royal premiere, attended by the Princess of Wales, took place at the Empire Cinema in Leicester Square last night, followed by a private party that was hosted by Universal Pictures.

Champagne corks popped beneath dinosaur skeletons as the Natural History Museum became the unlikely watering hole of the international film fraternity.

Steven Spielberg, the director, headed the list of party guests, followed by the film's stars, Sir Richard Attenborough and Sam Neill.

There was a promise of equal glamour, although fewer star names, in Camarthen, Dyfed, where a preview was held after an appeal to Spielberg by the mayor. The town's Lyric Theatre feared that it might not get a copy of the film so Richard Goodridge, the mayor, faxed California. He received a reply from Spielberg within 24 hours, confirming Camarthen's copy of the film for a preview.

Elsewhere, cinema managers braced themselves for long queues and advance bookings began to mount up. But reviewers have not been so enthusiastic, contrasting the huge marketing effort with the slim content of the $60 million film itself. The attraction and authenticity of the model dinosaurs is not denied, however.

Jurassic Park, in which scientists recreate dinosaurs from DNA discovered in a fossil, only to watch them turn on their human makers, has broken all box-office records in America and is expected to do equally well here.

Dr Jack Horner, Spielberg's scientific adviser, upon whom Sam Neill's character is based, was also in London yesterday.

Dr Horner, a palaeontologist from Montana State University, unearthed an almost complete tyrannosaurus rex skeleton in 1990 and is working on the extraction of dinosaur DNA. He said that cloning dinosaurs was not possible yet. But his research enabled him to direct the movement of the *Jurassic Park* creatures with accuracy.

"There is one scene when the tyrannosaurus rex takes a huge stride and all you see is this great foot," he said. "We had to get the footstep right: is it toes down first or heel down first?

"We know from the skeleton and living animals how it should be."

Dr Horner thinks that part of the film's attraction, and its scare factor, is its naturalism. "It just shows dinosaurs behaving in the way they should. It's like a nature film sometimes. Adults think it's violent, but kids don't.

"Of course, a carnivorous animal will prey on others, and people are easy to catch, especially lawyers.

"If we really had a situation like that, the park would be surrounded by huge concrete walls, not electric fences. Electricity goes off sometimes, doesn't it."

Long in the tooth, but charming

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

IN SPITE of *Jurassic Park*, earlier dinosaur models have not lost their charm. At Crystal Palace park in south London, visitors still admire the first attempts to model the creatures life-size, completed in 1854 at the command of Prince Albert.

The models, a brilliant reconstruction in their day, incorporated ideas since shown to be mistaken. The dinosaurs all walked on four feet and the iguanadon's tooth was set upright on its snout. Before the iguanadon was finished, a seven-course dinner for 21 was held inside its hollow body. Waterhouse Hawkins, the sculptor who made the beast out of iron hoops covered in concrete, sent out invitations written on the wing of a pterodactyl.

The tooth that Hawkins misplaced had been discovered 30 years earlier in a Sussex quarry by Mary Ann Mantell as she waited for her husband, Dr Gideon Mantell, to make a house call. This was not the first dinosaur fossil found but it was the first identified as belonging to an extinct species of giant reptiles.

Earlier finds, such as a megalosaurus knee first described in 1676, were thought to belong to an extinct race of giant humans. On account of its shape, this object was named *Scrotum humanum*.

Widow's bid to take freed killer to court

By Ian Murray

THE widow of a music teacher, whose teenage killer was cleared of murder, yesterday announced plans to start a fighting fund to bring a private prosecution.

Diane Osborne said: "I am hoping to raise enough to be able to bring Joseph Elliott back to court and perhaps get justice this time. Obviously, he has been acquitted of the stabbing, but he has not been done for all the other things he was doing. He has walked free from everything, even though he has admitted it."

Although she cannot bring a private criminal prosecution against Mr Elliott on any charges involving her husband's death, Mrs Osborne believes he can be accused of other offences, including carrying an offensive weapon and causing damage to cars.

Mr Elliott went on television to say for the first time that he was sorry for what he had done. A friend said that he decided to do so because he had been misquoted in some newspapers as saying he was "not sorry and felt good".

"I have got plenty of remorse," Mr Elliott said. "It was a shock to myself, that I got let off. I am very sorry for what happened. I was not meaning or intending to do what happened. So it is hard for me to live with it, too."

He was hurried from the studios in order not to be seen by Mrs Osborne and her children Lisa, 14, and Justin, 18, who were interviewed there an hour later. Mrs Osborne said: "I think he's only saying sorry because of the pressure on him."

Elliott will now have to complete a two-year probation term set after he was found guilty of burglary and theft in April last year.

Racecourse blamed for jockey's fall

By A Staff Reporter

THE owner of Doncaster racecourse was responsible for a fall which ended the careers of a jockey and his mount, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Drake said there was a "very strong probability" that the six-year-old sprinter Madraco fell because of the unsatisfactory state of the ground at the course, caused by drainage work carried out just before the meeting in September 1989.

The jockey, Paul Cook, suffered broken ribs, collarbone, thumb and foot, and has given up racing. The horse, which fractured a hind leg when it lost its footing during the Portland Handicap race, was retired to stud duties.

Doncaster District Council, which owns the racecourse, had denied liability and claimed Madraco's fall was caused by a spontaneous stress fracture.

It will face claims for compensation from Mr Cook, 47, Bernard Hampson, owner of Madraco, and another jockey, Ray Cochrane, who was injured when his ride was also brought down. Mr Cook, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, will claim at least £280,000. Mr Cochrane, 36, of Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire, will claim more than £40,000.

Madraco's accident was followed two days later by another fall, involving two-year-old Able Player, which led to the remainder of the meeting being abandoned.

Mr Justice Drake said that when other horses rode safely over the same ground as Madraco, before and after its fall, they were "quite simply lucky". He added: "If the bookmakers had known the full facts they would have been justified in running a side-book on a form of Russian roulette — which was to be the unlucky horse and rider."

Mr Cook, who rode 1,500 winners during his 23-year career, said: "Doncaster should not have allowed the entire meeting to take place at all that year due to the unsafe state of the ground, and it was lucky that there were not further casualties".

Gordon Gallimore, the leader of Doncaster council, said: "The High Court's judgment will be given the fullest consideration by this authority."

Anaesthetist struck off for blunders

By A Staff Reporter

AN HOSPITAL anaesthetist was struck off yesterday after admitting a series of errors that left a patient with extensive and irreversible brain damage after a minor operation.

The General Medical Council professional conduct committee was told that Behrooz Irani "stood there like a frozen rabbit" as theatre staff tried to rectify his mistakes.

Rosalind Foster, the GMC's counsel, told the committee that despite their efforts, the anaesthetist's incompetence left the 33-year-old man with severe brain damage caused by lack of oxygen.

She said that the patient, named only as Mr J.H., went to Castle Hill Hospital at Cottingham, North Humberside, where Dr Irani, of Sheffield, was working as a locum consultant anaesthetist, for an operation on a prolapsed disc in August 1992.

At one point the level of oxygen was so low that there was no detectable heart rate for seven minutes, but Dr Irani appeared to have done nothing. "He was plainly not in charge of the situation," Miss Foster said.

Nurses 'abused old in home'

By A Staff Reporter

A NURSE accused an elderly nursing home patient of "looking for sympathy" when he lay on the floor for 45 minutes after falling from his Zimmer frame, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Other allegations levelled at the nurse and a colleague included yelling obscenities at frail and elderly residents, ordering staff to hit them and forcing patients who should have been in wheelchairs to walk with sticks and frames.

Registered general nurse Susanne Buxton, 28, and her subordinate, enrolled nurse Irene Cooper, 40, deny more than 30 allegations of misconduct during a six-month period in 1989 and 1990 at Swinton Lodge Nursing Home, Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

Mrs Lesley Skelton, a care assistant at the home, told the professional conduct committee of the Central Nursing Council of months of abuse and cruelty at the home. She said: "Both of them regularly swore at patients and I remember three times when patients were called 'f....g lazy bastards'. It was not very nice. It relates to both of them when they were on shift."

She said that one patient was left lying on the floor in a corridor for 45 minutes after falling from his frame because Mrs Cooper said he was looking for sympathy. Mrs Skelton said: "I went to assist him up. Cooper told me to leave him and said he would get himself up. He was still there when I went off duty at 1.30pm. This happened at about 12.45pm."

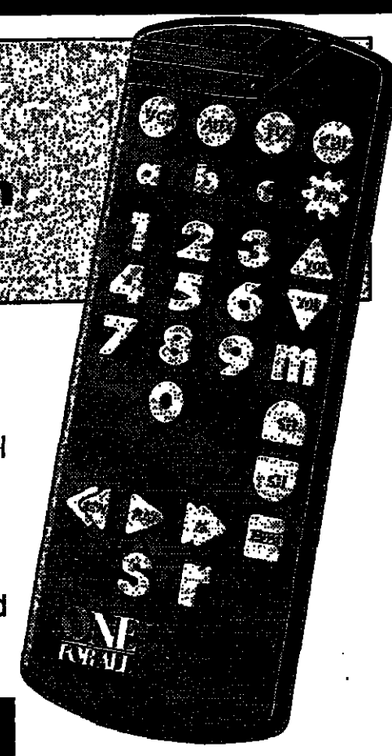
Another patient asking for paracetamol because she was suffering pain from arthritis in her legs was allegedly given salt water instead. Mrs Skelton said: "She was complaining of pains in the leg and wanted paracetamol," but she did not think the woman drank the salt water.

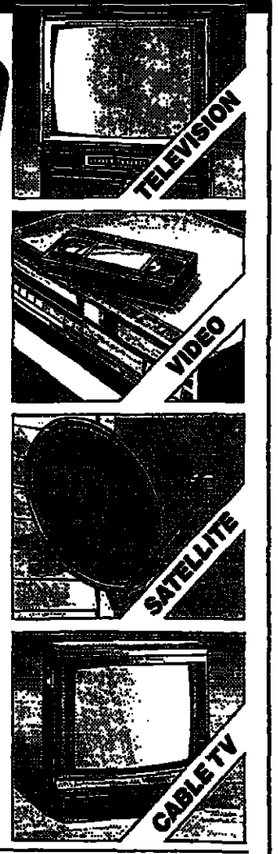
Another care worker, Janet Dale, told the committee in London that one patient, who was severely crippled with arthritis since childhood, was forced to use a walking frame against her will. When she fell, Mrs Cooper had told her to leave the woman, whom she called a liar.

The two nurses, who face a total of 33 charges, were suspended by the matron, Rachel Appleyard, after complaints. Neither was at yesterday's hearing, which continues.

Dixons
3 IN ONE REMOTE CONTROL

The ideal replacement handset for lost or broken remote controls.





ONE FOR ALL 3

This fantastic remote control will replace all your old handsets. Simple and easy-to-use, you can now operate – in any order you choose – your TV, video and satellite receiver from one remote control handset.*

Dixons Deal £24.99

*Does not perform programmable functions.

Also available:
4-in-1 Remote Control
Operates TV, video, satellite receiver and cable box* Dixons Deal £29.99

6-in-1 Remote Control
Features as 4 in 1, but also operates hi-fi and has fastext facility.* Dixons Deal £49.99

LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED
If you buy a product from us and within 7 days from the date of purchase the same item is advertised cheaper in a National advertisement and is available locally, we will refund the difference on production of your receipt and a copy of the advertisement. This offer excludes nationally advertised products for supply by mail order.

Dixons
BRITAIN'S BEST DEALS
AROUND 360 BRANCHES NATIONWIDE.
TEL: 081-200 0200 FOR YOUR NEAREST BRANCH

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE brilliant sacrifice is the most attractive feature of chess, showing the triumph of mind over emotion. This game by the Polish grandmaster Rubinstein is a veritable symphony of sacrifices, leading to a forced checkmate that produced one of the most surprising finishes on the chessboard.

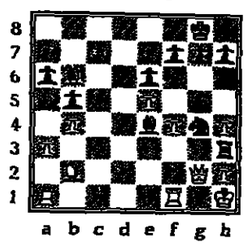
White: Rotlewi
Black: Akiba Rubinstein
Lodz 1907

Queen's gambit declined

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	e6
3	e3	c5
4	c4	Nc6
5	Nc3	Nf6
6	dxc5	Bxc5
7	a3	a6
8	b4	Bd6
9	Bb2	0-0
10	Qd2	Qe7
11	Bd3	dxc4
12	Bxc4	b5
13	Bd3	Rd8
14	Qe2	Bb7
15	0-0	Ne5
16	Nxe5	Bxe5
17	f4	Bc7
18	e4	Rac8
19	e5	Bb6+
20	Kh1	Ng4
21	Be4	Qh4
22	g3	Rxc3
23	gxh4	Rd2
24	Qxd2	Bxe4+
25	Qg2	Rh3

White resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h

Reader's game

A *Times* reader, Stewart Reuben, came close to defeating Bobby Fischer in a game played 30 years ago in Manhattan. Fischer managed a draw. If you have played a game against a world champion, send it to me for possible inclusion in this column.

White: Stewart Reuben
Black: *Bobby Fischer*
Manhattan Chess Club 1963

English opening

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	d5
3	cxd5	Nxd5
4	g3	g6
5	Bg2	Nb6
6	Nf3	Bg7
7	d3	0-0
8	Be3	Nc6
9	0-0	e5
10	Qd2	f5
11	Bh6	f4
12	Bxg7	Kxg7
13	Ne4	h6
14	Rad1	g5
15	d4	exd4
16	Nxd4	Ne5
17	Nf3	Qxd2
18	Rxd2	Nec4
19	Rc2	Bf5
20	Nfd2	Rae8
21	Nxc4	Bxe4
22	Bxe4	Rxe4
23	Nxb6	cxb6
24	gxf4	gxf4
25	Rfc1	Rf7
26	f3	Re8
27	Kf2	Rfe7
28	Rd1	Kg6
29	Rd3	Rxd3
30	exd3	Re3
31	Rd2	Kf5
32	d4	Ke6
33	Re2	Rxe2+
34	Kxe2	Kd5
35	Kd3	a5
36	a4	Kc6
37	Ke4	b5
38	axb5+	Kxb5
39	d5	Kb6
40	Ke5	Kc7
41	Kd4	b5
42	Ke5	b4
43	f4	a4
44	Kd4	a3
45	bxa3	bxa3
46	Kc3	Kd6
47	Kb3	Kxd5
48	Kxa3	Ke4
49	Kb3	Kxf4
50	Kc3	Kg4
51	Kd3	Kh3
52	Ke3	Kxh2
53	Kf2	Draw agreed

Tomorrow in the *Times Magazine*, a series starts on Nigel Short's best tournament victories.

Winning move, page 40

Kasparov may play Fischer

BY ROBERT CRAMPTON

GARRY Kasparov, who will face Nigel Short in The Times World Chess Championship this autumn, may play Bobby Fischer, the eccentric former champion who forfeited his title in 1975.

The two have never met, and Kasparov has previously ruled out a match between the two top-ranked players in chess history. But, speaking from his training camp on the Croatian coast, where he is preparing for his match with Short in September, Kasparov said: "If I had somebody from a civilised country saying here's the money for a Fischer-Kasparov match, I couldn't say no. I am a professional."

Kasparov has been forced to reconsider his attitude towards playing Fischer since last autumn, when the reclusive American ended a 20-year withdrawal from serious chess by playing Boris Spassky, the Russian whose title he took in 1972.

The present champion was scathing about the quality of their chess. "The difference in our strengths is quite obvious." He said the size of the purse was not important, although he added: "If it's a serious challenge from Fischer, it means there will be a lot of money."

STEVE SHIPMAN



Board master: Garry Kasparov at his championship training camp in Croatia

Night owls foil nest robbers

BY RONALD FAUX

A TEAM of birdwatchers in a Cheshire village who mounted a round-the-clock guard on a peregrine's nest saved the falcons and netted three alleged burglars, two stolen cars, a man carrying an offensive weapon, and three people accused of public order offences.

During the three months of the watch, crime and vandalism in Beeston, Bunbury and Tattenhall slumped. The birdwatchers set up a hide opposite Beeston castle, where the peregrines have nested for five years. Every year the nest was raided.

Last spring 85 locals volunteered to keep watch using night glasses, mobile communication equipment and a searchlight. They patrolled nearby roads, noting numbers of parked vehicles.

PC Mike Wellman, a wildlife and environmental officer, said: "The impact has been far beyond birdwatching ... showing what a community can achieve if it keeps its eyes open."

LAY OUT LESS FOR GARDEN FURNITURE AT DO IT ALL

Garden Carnival 4 Position Chair and Cushion £39.99 £29.99

Garden Carnival 7 Position Relaxer and Cushion £45.99 £29.99

Garden Carnival Parasol £31.99 £29.99 £21.99

Garden Festival Relaxer 7 Position £39.99 £33.99

Cambridge 10 Piece Boxed Set 4 Low Back Chairs, Table Round 75cm Approx, 4 Pads & Parasol £99.99 £79.99

High Back Folding Deckchair £15.99 £13.99 £12.99

High Back Folding Picnic Chair £10.99 £9.99

Folding Sunbed £19.99 £17.99 £16.99

Folding Picnic Table 80cm £12.99 £10.99

Garden Carnival Sunbed and Cushion £49.99 £39.99

Square Parasol Base White £6.99

Garden Party Low Back Stacking Chair £7.99 each £5.99 each

Pan 6 Slat Green Clifton Table £29.99 £19.99

Lagaholm Treated Pine Table 110cm x 70cm Approx £59.99

Pan 8 Slat Green Victoria Bench £29.99 £19.99

Regency Green 10 Piece Set 4 Chairs, Table Square 80cm Approx, 4 Pads & Parasol £159.00 £139.00

LOW BACK CHAIR 4 FOR THE PRICE OF 3 £17.97

Pan 12 Slat Green Worcester Bench £49.99 £34.99

Chelwood 10 Piece Box Set 4 Low Back Chairs, Table Round 80cm Approx, 4 Pads & Parasol £99.99 £89.99

Garden Party 5 Position Chair and Footrest £39.99 £34.99 £29.99

Garden Party Armchair £12.99 each £10.99 each £9.99 each

HIGH BACK CHAIR 4 FOR THE PRICE OF 3 £23.97

Garden Party 100cm Round Table £44.99 £34.99 £29.99

CHELWOOD 10 PIECE BOXED SET £89.99

Garden Party 130cm Oval Table £54.99 £44.99 £39.99

Garden Party 150cm Oval Table £69.99 £54.99 £49.99

Garden Party 10 Piece Patio Set Rebecca 4 Low Back Chairs, Table Round 85cm Approx, 4 Pads & Parasol £109.00 £99.00 £89.00

Garden Party 5 Position Chair £29.99 £24.99 £19.99

Garden Party Sunbed £79.99 £69.99

Garden Party 85cm Round Table £34.99 £24.99 £19.99

ARMCHAIR 4 FOR THE PRICE OF 3 £29.97

Wimbledon Chair £17.99

Garden Party Parasol Base White £5.99 £5.49

GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES ON EVERY PRODUCT. We promise that if you find the same product you have bought at Do It All cheaper elsewhere, we will refund the difference.

While stocks last. The Do It All Promise is in addition to your statutory rights.

DO IT ALL
Better products, better prices.

IRA suspect checked for link to attacks

■ Detectives are re-examining clues on recent London bombings after the arrest in the capital of a man with a Semtex device

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN IRA suspect arrested on his way into central London to plant a bomb faces questioning about links with other bomb attacks by the IRA in the capital over the past year.

Detectives suspect that the man, in his early 40s and unemployed, may have been to London at least once before in the past year and are checking his description against information gathered after bombings. He was arrested after an operation co-ordinated with MI5 and forces across the country, which involved thousands of man-hours in surveillance and intelligence work.

Police do not suspect any link with the two big lorry bombs at the Baltic Exchange last spring or at Bishopsgate in April, but there have been many other bombings and discoveries of explosives.

Since the beginning of 1992, there have been more than 30 attacks in London with small bombs made of Semtex. The large devices used in the van attacks are constructed with home-made explosives.

The targets included a telephone box and the Cabinet Office in Whitehall, the Commons, the Royal Festival Hall, underground stations, shops, including John Lewis in Oxford Street, and shopping centres.

Armed police arrested the suspect at a bus stop in north London on Wednesday after officers who were watching became convinced they were witnessing the start of a bombing run.

Officers from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch decided that they could not risk letting the bombing plan go ahead and ordered the arrest. The suspect comes from the Belfast area and is thought to have entered Britain through Scotland. Yesterday, he was still being held at the high-security block in Paddington Green police station, west London.

Seven other men and women who were arrested in a village near Alloa, central Scotland, in a co-ordinated operation were being held on the outskirts of Glasgow as police continued to search for a possible explosives and arms cache.

As explosives experts examined the 4lb bomb found in a bag carried by the suspect, police were trying to find the source of the explosive and a timing device. They believe that the bomb was not brought to mainland Britain ready to be used but was probably made from material hidden in Scotland.

The operation is being regarded as an example of the value of new links between the security service and police, which give MI5 the lead role in terrorist investigations. The work of MI5, which included surveillance teams and intelligence analysis, has been publicly acknowledged by Scotland Yard for the first time.

MI5 officers are now seconded to special branch at Scotland Yard while police officers have been posted with the security service at one of their main offices in London.

Police say that the MI5 officers are on a "steep learning curve" after years of working in the background and are learning to accept that their new role could mean them having to give evidence in court.

Lloyd's victims sell their noble names

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

MANY Lloyd's names are raising money to pay off their losses on the insurance market by selling their feudal titles.

Robert Smith, of Manorial Auctioneers, a London firm specialising in such sales, says that half of his clientele is now made up of Lloyd's names. Those who have sold recently include the Earl of Carlisle, who raised £55,000 by selling his barony of Gilsland in Cumbria to an American, and the Puxley family, formerly of Lincolnshire, who are selling titles in Lincolnshire, Berkshire and Essex.

"I estimate that at least 100 names have sold their titles this year alone," Mr Smith said. "Sellers are by no means all peers of the realm, although the latest offering includes a swath of viscounts, earls and marquesses. There is a large group of what once would have been called, and to some extent is still called, landed gentry."

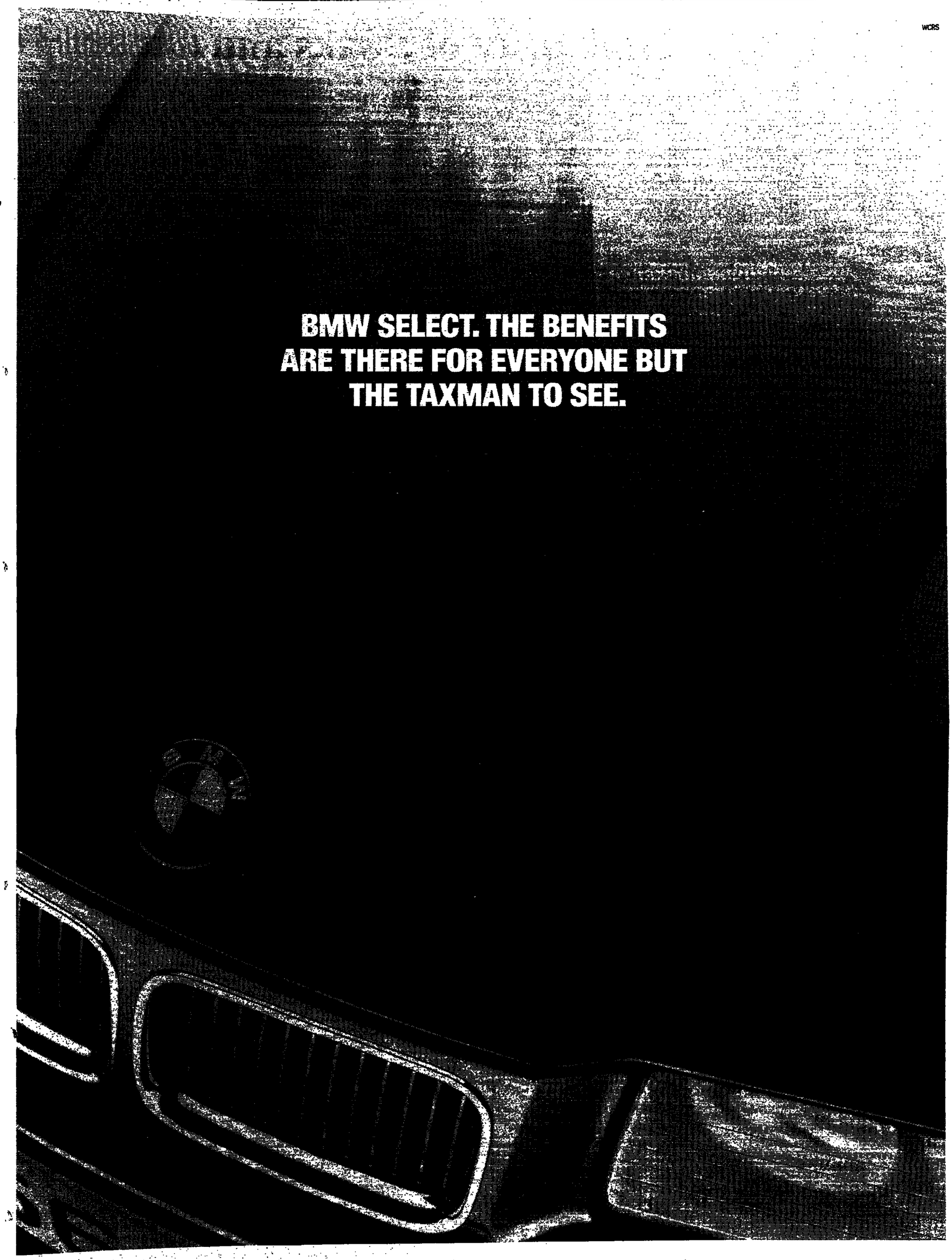
He said that sellers could expect £5,000 to £8,000 for each title. "A few manorial sales may not only stave off the sale of the physical family silver, they can revivify a manorial village."

Many of the 13,000 or so titles that exist date back to the Domesday Book, according to Mr Smith. Almost all the titles have lost the rights to large estates, although some retain certain rights such as access to mineral deposits.

Mr Smith said that most of the buyers were British, although many of the most enthusiastic were American. Almost all buyers were business people, many of whom were keen to play a practical role by supporting charities within their manors.

هكذا من الأصل

WCRS



BMW Select is a flexible purchase scheme that lets you drive the BMW of your choice without the complexities of company car tax.

Never has owning a new BMW been easier. Simply select the model you prefer and how long you want to keep it for. You can even include full service and maintenance in the package.

The result is a personally tailored plan that offers the predictability of fixed cost motoring without attracting the attention of the Inland Revenue.

Please send me written details on BMW Select.
To: BMW Information Service, P.O. Box 161, Croydon CR9 1QB or **Freephone 0800 777117.** Indemnities may be required.

(Mr, Mrs, Miss etc.) Initials Surname

Address

Town/County Postcode Telephone

Present car Year of reg. Age if under 18

BMW SELECT

TT 16/05 16/07

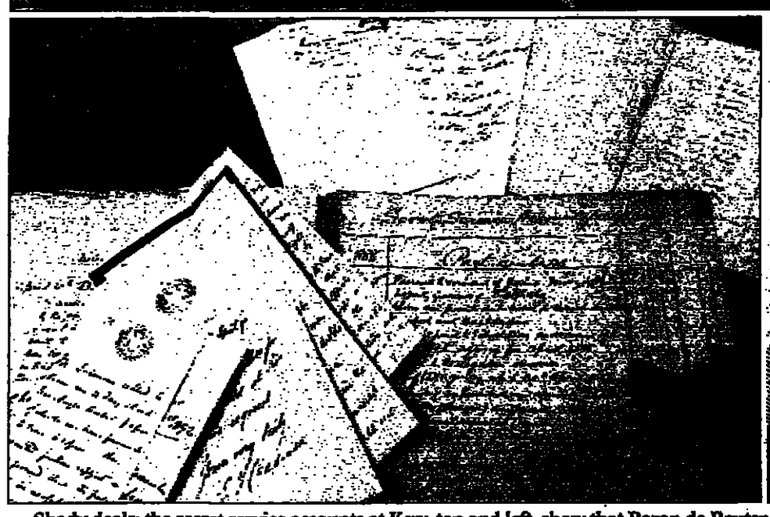
1982
NEW HAD
HEARD OF AN
ITEMISED
PHONE BILL AND
MERCURY
WAS A LIQUID METAL
KNOWN
AS QUICKSILVER
WHICH WAS EXCITING
IF YOU WERE
A METALLURGIST
Mercury.

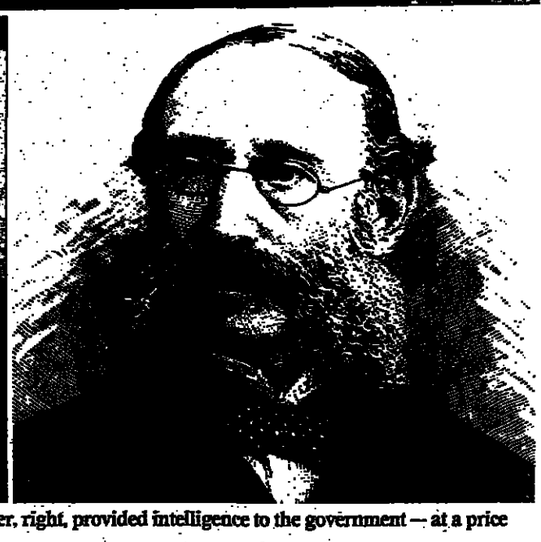
Publication of centuries-old government papers lifts veil on past spies

High price of cloaks and daggers

ADRIAN BROOKS







Shady deals: the secret service accounts at Kew, top and left, show that Baron de Reuter, right, provided intelligence to the government — at a price

BY JAMES MACMANUS

DETAILS of Britain's intelligence operations from the 17th century to the Edwardian era were disclosed for the first time yesterday, proving that little has changed in the world of espionage.

Since the reign of Henry VIII, British spies and their controllers have been wrangling over money, especially expenses, while their political masters in Whitehall have dreamt up madcap ways to spend secret service funds. What better way to buy influence in the court of Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia than to send him an elephant? Not any old elephant, you understand, but an Indian elephant all the way from Bombay. The beast was shipped to Berbera in what was then the British protectorate of Somaliland and thence to Addis Ababa, in May 1903.

The scheme was hatched by the Indian Office with one eye on the Red Sea waterway over which the emperor exercised a degree of control. The operation was conducted openly but, somehow, secret service

FUNDING

funds were used to pay for it. Ninety years later, bills totalling £131.18 shillings (£5,850 at current prices), detailed in copperplate handwriting, lie open to inspection at the Public Record Office at Kew, southwest London.

The cost shocked the Treasury, to whom the Foreign Office had to account for secret service funds, almost as much as the attempt by Lord Cromer, consul-general in Egypt, to dip into secret service cash to finance a holiday in Scotland in April 1906. He wanted to leave Cairo in mid-June that year but felt that a shorthand writer should accompany him to his estate to ease the burden of correspondence "on what is miscalled my holiday".

Sensing correctly that the Treasury would balk at this extravagance, Lord Cromer suggested that secret service funds pay the £60 passage (£2,820) for his amanuensis. Scrawled across the top of this letter to the Foreign Office is: "I do not think that it would be any use asking the Treasury to pay this. They are already rather scandalised at Lord Cromer's having four months leave every year without going on half pay."

Lord Cromer did not get his hands on secret service money on that occasion but he and every other colonial governor liberally spent secret funds to bribe local officials, fund the pensions of embassy retainers and to pay a series of agents identified in the records only as letters of the alphabet.

Arguments over the payment and expenses of such agents reveal just how deeply the Foreign Office and Treasury distrusted the cloak and dagger antics of the early spies. A £2 (£90) bill from the consul in Genoa for "immediate naval intelligence" at the turn of the century left a paper trail of angry letters, memos and minutes across Whitehall that can be seen today. What naval intelligence, demanded the war ministry? Movement of ships, came the reply. One can almost hear the snarl of the civil servant who retorted that the local newspaper provided such information rather more cheaply. The consul never got his money and received a sharp note from the Foreign Office to the effect that a gentleman did not stoop to espionage.

The secret services, locked in bureaucratic conflict with their Treasury paymasters, were obliged to wheedle for funds in a style recognisable to anyone with a difficult bank manager. "Dear Lord Errington," wrote Colonel James Edmonds from the War Office, "I will, of course, be kept on half pay if Sir Charles Hardinge so desires. I should, however, like to point out that the estimate for 1909-1910 allows £600 for new agents, and we may not be able to secure them, or secure them until late in the year. If Sir Charles wishes, we can economise by not engaging new men, but we should like some funds for trying new men. We can only select good ones by trial."

As always, the Foreign Office was prepared to argue about the price of paper clips while authorising huge sums to impress foreign grandees. In 1887, the Sultan of Zanzibar was awarded the Grand Cross of the Star of India and later presented with a magnificent barge built in Britain. The cost was again born by secret service funds. Then, as today, the diplomatic service was remarkably sniffy about the business of espionage but fought for control of the secret service cash that funded it.

How newsmen were 'bought' to meet secret service needs

BY JAMES MACMANUS

THE government used secret-service funds to buy journalists, set up "friendly" newspapers and use Reuters news agency to gather intelligence and disseminate black propaganda abroad.

The Reuters deal was proposed to Lord Kimberley, the foreign secretary, in 1894 by Baron de Reuter after the agency he founded encountered financial difficulties. Unable to pay a dividend to his shareholders, the German-born Julius Reuter offered an extraordinary deal to startled mandarins at the Foreign Office: in return for £1,000 a year (£47,000 at today's value) he offered them access to all confidential information gathered by Reuters correspondents and suggested that Reuters plant stories in the foreign press favourable to the British government.

A senior Foreign Office official, Sir Thomas Sanderson, negotiated the price down to £500, noting that the agency had gone to the government cap in hand and were "bound to scrape up a little money for their shareholders if they could". As ever, the money was drawn from what amounted to the government slush fund — the secret service account.

Baron de Reuter clearly had no doubts about the propriety of this relationship; he wrote to Sir Thomas accepting the deal "in the hope that our performance of the task will give satisfaction and lead to more comprehensive relations with the FO".

The importance of the money to the hard-pressed agency was emphasised in a later letter from the baron urging Sir Thomas "to give us an indication from time to time as to the way in which we may more effectively meet your requirements".

Lord Kimberley was not convinced that the money was being well spent and insisted that the arrangement should be on a trial basis. "There will be a good deal of rubbish," he wrote. The uncomfortable arrangement ended in 1898 when the agency misreported details of a visit of a Royal Navy warship to the Russian naval base of Port Arthur. Lord Salisbury, then prime minister and foreign secretary, ordered: "We do not pay £500 a year to get this kind of treatment. I should certainly stop the subsidy."

The government had little better luck when it founded an ostensibly independent newspaper, *El Jawaib*, in Cairo in August 1885 to counter the anti-British tone of the local press. An Arab journalist, Selim Faris, was brought in from Constantinople and paid £200 (£8,400 today) to start the paper and then £100 a year. Lord Kimberley, who had sniffed at the Reuters deal, thought this an "advantageous bargain", a view clearly shared by Faris. Feeling that his services had been obtained on the cheap, the editor immediately demanded more money from Sir Evelyn Baring (later Lord Cromer), the consul general. Denied extra funds, Faris turned his paper against the very presence it was supposed to support.

Matters went from bad to worse when Faris bluntly told Sir Evelyn that he would launch his own pro-Turkish paper if he were not given more money. The consul general, often described as the maker of modern Egypt, was outraged, writing to Whitehall in June 1887 of Faris: "A more venal rascal I never came across."

Before Faris and his newspaper faded from sight, the wily editor had travelled to London and threatened legal action to recover the money he had been demanding. The Foreign Office was appalled at the prospect of an embarrassing court case. Secret document made public yesterday reveal the offical fury at Faris's behaviour, but they do not disclose the end of the saga. There can be little doubt that more secret funds were handed to Faris.

A spokesman for Reuters said the latest revelations would not affect the company's reputation for unbiased news gathering. He said: "Reuters is not in the pocket of any government but it does supply services to many governments around the world, as one would expect from a news agency."

Mystery over Gordon's fate

GENERAL Gordon may have been taken hostage by Muslim fanatics rather than dying in the siege of Khartoum.

New light on the most spectacular military disaster of Gladstone's ministry is shed by faded handwritten documents in Foreign Office intelligence files.

Two months after the fall of Khartoum was reported in January 1885, Whitehall officials were told that Charles Gordon was being held prisoner by forces of the Mahdi, the Muslim mystic, in an attempt to bring the British to terms.

The information came from Habib Salmone, a Syrian professor who worked as a translator for the Foreign Office. He was sent to Paris for talks with an envoy of the self-declared saviour of Islam.

KHARTOUM

Muhammed Ahmed al-Mahdi, and reported not only that Gordon was alive, but that Khartoum had fallen the previous November.

General Gordon was sent to Sudan to evacuate Egyptian forces under threat in Khartoum from the Mahdi's rebel dervishes. The city was besieged in May 1884, but Gladstone resented being compelled by Gordon's plight to send a relief expedition. All summer the cabinet argued and it was not until October that a force started fighting its way up the Nile to Khartoum.

The regiments arrived on January 28, 1885, to find the city had been stormed and Gordon allegedly killed two days before. But Dr Habib told the Foreign Office in February: "It is the desire of the enemy to report General Gordon's death, believing that the English will not use the same dispatch in attacking them, thus allowing the Mahdi to increase his prestige throughout London. His people are anxious to make believe the general is dead to retard the British advance."

In exchange for Gordon, Dr Habib said the Mahdi sought the release of a Sudanese nationalist leader. But in the files a Foreign Office official scribbled the comment "untrustworthy". The information and the Mahdi's overtures for a settlement were ignored.

The truth will never be known, but angry crowds jeered in Downing Street when Gordon's death was announced.

Royal Mail and bishop snooped on enemies of the state

BY PETER TAYLOR

INTELLIGENCE service documents placed in the Public Record Office at Kew reveal how the Post Office was set up to intercept mail, steam open letters, and spy on "enemies of the state".

Among those entrusted with cracking codes in mail diverted to the Post Office's "Secret Office" was a 19th century bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Royal Posts became a monopoly under Elizabeth I in 1591, but the aim was not so much to prevent competition as to create a sort of 16th century GCHQ. Sir Francis Walsingham, Elizabeth's principal secretary, used secret intercepts to frustrate attempts by Mary, Queen of Scots to regain her throne with foreign help, and also provided his monarch with invaluable information about the construction of the Spanish Armada.

The Post Office's spying activities were formalised in the mid-17th century, when John Thurloe, Oliver Cromwell's secretary of state, gained useful tips about the activities of the exiled Charles II from intercepted correspondence. When the General Post Office was formally established in 1657 by act of Parliament, its terms of reference were specifically to discover "many various and wicked designs" against the state, "the intelligence wherof cannot well be communicated but by letter".

POST OFFICE

In a private room in the Post Office an expert letter-opener was employed, assisted by a cryptographer. In 1703, Britain's first official "decypherer" was employed, at a salary of £100 a year, but in 1711 a further act of Parliament laid down that the postmaster-general could not open letters "except by an express warrant in writing under the hand of one of the Principal Secretaries of State". Ambassadors of all kinds were rightly regarded as spies. As one of them wrote to the foreign secretary in 1785, "I abhor this dirty work, but when one is employed to sweep chimneys, one must black one's fingers."

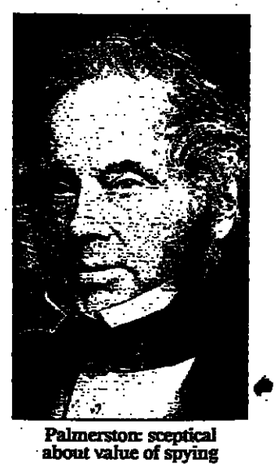
Diplomatic letters were encyphered and written in primitive secret inks, such as lemon juice. In 1732 an expert forger of seals, Ernest Bode, was brought to England by George II to assist the Post Office's "Secret Office" and his descendants continued to work in the Secret Office until its eventual closure in 1844.

The other family which played an important role in the office was that of the clergyman Edward Willes, who eventually became bishop of Bath and Wells.

A government memo of the time noted: "It is not the duty of government to facilitate the conveyance of treason from one end of the country to the other. Nor do right-minded people of the present day think it good for the State that the Postmaster-General should propel correspondence of wicked and designing men from Shetland to Scilly at the price of a Penny."

The cost of cracking codes, only to have new ones promptly invented, irritated Lord Palmerston, the foreign secretary, who wrote to his private secretary in 1836: "I must say that the Bode Establishment, including the Willes family, is an enormous expense, and it may admit of doubt whether we get value for £400 a year."

Palmerston also wondered whether the 19th century antecedents of George Smiley were pulling his leg: "It is an inconvenience which seems to be inescapable from cases like that of Mr Bode that the proof can never be conclusive, this department having no means of judging for itself whether the cypher alleged to have been discovered ever existed."



Palmerston: sceptical about value of spying

Open government: ombudsman to police the civil service

Waldegrave sweeps away Whitehall's culture of secrecy

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

The white paper on open government introduces a code of practice intended to bring Britain into line with countries such as America and Australia

WHITEHALL'S obsessive culture of secrecy will swept away under long-awaited plans to introduce more open government in Britain, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, announced yesterday.

A new code of practice designed to ensure that all central government departments and other public bodies voluntarily release a wide range of information on key policy decisions will come into effect from April, he said.

The code of practice will be policed by William Reid, the parliamentary commissioner for administration, who will have the power to notify Parliament which Whitehall departments have failed or refuse to comply with the open government initiative.

Unveiling the open government white paper, Mr Waldegrave also announced proposals to introduce a statutory right of access to personal records held by government and other public sector authorities, and a right of access to health and safety information. Legislation will be introduced, probably next year, to put the new rights to personal and health and safety information on a statutory basis. "Harm tests" will be introduced to protect from prosecution people who disclose information where no "genuine damage" is done, and charges will be introduced to help to cover the cost of additional administration.

The number of government documents kept secret after 30 years will be reduced substantially, and proposals will be announced to reform the D-notice system under which the media agree not to disclose information that could threaten national security.

Describing the white paper as a major step forward, Mr Waldegrave insisted that the open government initiative "will have a considerable effect on the culture of Whitehall". The gulf between access to information in Britain and countries such as America and Australia, which have freedom of information acts, would gradually diminish, he said.

Under the new procedures, Whitehall departments will be required to disclose facts and analysis leading to a wide range of government decisions from health to environment policy. However, because of the need to "balance the public interest in providing information against the public interest in retaining confidentiality", a long list of exemptions are listed in the white paper.

Information will not be disclosed which deals with defence, security and international relations; internal discussion and advice; communications with the royal household; law enforcement and legal proceedings; information relating to individual immigration, nationality and entry clearance cases; effective management of the economy and collection of tax; public appointments and honours; and a range of other areas.

The parliamentary commissioner for administration, or ombudsman, will have the right to examine any decision to retain information under the exempted categories to ensure that information is not withheld unjustly. If he decides information should be released it would be "inconceivable that governments would ignore the recommendations of the ombudsman", Mr Waldegrave said.

The white paper also proposes a new and comprehensive statutory right of access to personal records held by the government and other public sector authorities, including government departments, the health service, local authorities, police forces and educational bodies.

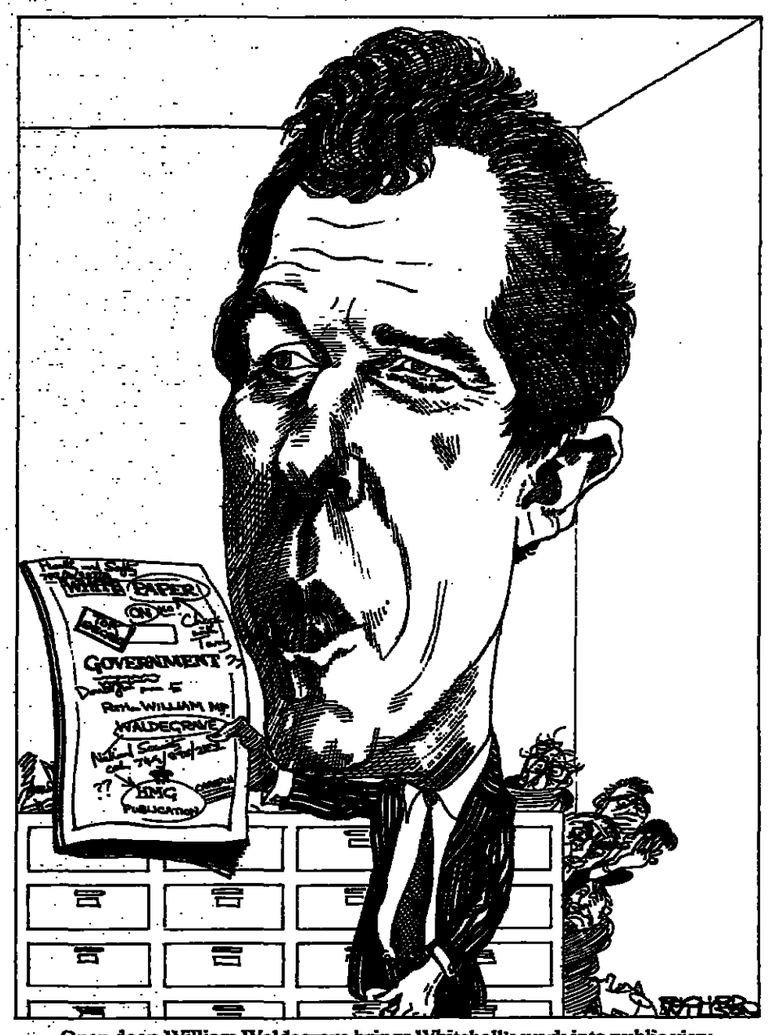
"The individual would have a right to see copies of documents or papers (with exempted material edited out if necessary)," the white paper says. However, "the access right would apply to information after the date of implementation of the new provision", it added. Existing personal records not covered by data protection legislation will remain confidential.

Similarly, the proposed statutory right of access to public authority information dealing with human health and safety will only apply from the date the new provision comes into effect, "and will be subject to the exemptions in line with the general code of practice on government information".

Whitehall departments will adopt the "guiding principle" that all government records should be released to the Public Record Office at Kew, southwest London, after 30 years unless it is possible to establish that actual damage would be caused. This principle will also apply to documents currently withheld beyond the 30-year rule, enabling historians to review material on a range of issues including the execution of Sir Roger Casement in 1916, the abdication crisis in 1936 and the German Sudentenland papers of 1938.

Maurice Frankel, director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, said he welcomed the new rights of access to information, but was disappointed by the limitations of the white paper. "The code of practice is deeply flawed," Mr Frankel said. "It offers no right to see documents — only a right to information. Civil servants who have spent years giving away the absolute minimum in response to parliamentary questions will now be able to apply these techniques to the public."

Leading article, page 15



Open door: William Waldegrave brings Whitehall's work into public view

A matter of record

ANYONE can read the government documents held at the Public Record Office at Kew, southwest London. A reader's card can be obtained on presentation of some form of identification, giving the holder access to official documents between the hours of 9.30am and 5pm. No appointment is necessary.

Up to 300 people a day use the archive. Trained staff are on hand to help readers to identify and locate files, ranging from the Domesday Book in 1086, to the vast collection of documents currently being released under the Waldegrave initiative for greater open government.

Charter for community care needed say MPs

By Jeremy Laurance
Social Services Correspondent

PEOPLE being looked after in the community should be guaranteed a choice of where they live, a single room and protection from excessive charges, an all-party committee of MPs has decided.

These rights should be set out in a community care charter, similar to the patient's charter, which would specify the minimum level of service under the community care reforms. The charter would include the right to choose between public and private provision.

The Tory-dominated Commons health select committee criticises ministers for failing to monitor the workings of the community care reforms introduced last April, under which local authorities have taken over responsibility for providing care for the elderly, disabled and vulnerable. It says the responsibilities of Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, are "substantially more extensive" than she admits.

In a report published yesterday, the committee says that people whose needs are assessed after applying for help must be given the results of their assessment, counter to health department advice, even if there are no resources to meet their needs. It says this is the only way to check whether the policy is working and adequately funded.

The services of a home help are free in some areas but cost up to £27 for less than three hours in others. The committee warns that some users will be deterred by high charges and says that national guidelines for setting them should be introduced.

Marion Roe, the committee chairman, said that arrangements for discharging people from hospital fell "some way short of satisfying patients". She said patients awaiting discharge should not be subjected to "undue pressure" to leave, and called for more convalescent facilities to be provided by the NHS.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on fraud in social security.
Lords (11): National lottery bill, report.


Decision-makers: Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, and Gillian Shephard, agriculture minister, on their way to a cabinet meeting yesterday

Jobs boost takes heat off Tories

By Jonathan Prynn

THE battered Tory campaign in Christchurch was given a timely and desperately needed morale booster yesterday with the announcement of a 4 per cent drop in unemployment in the south coast constituency.

The official jobless total in the seat fell by 121 to 2,885 in June, making a 12 per cent fall since January. Rob Hayward the Conservative candidate who has been increasingly portrayed as the underdog in the contest, despite the government's 23,000 majority, fell on the figures with delight. He said that voters "will see this as further confirmation of recovery". The announcement could not have come too soon for the Tory campaign, which has been consistently forced on the defensive by a combination of further bad news for the government and a visiting cabinet minister's gaffe.

Diana Maddock the Liberal Democrat candidate, said the jobless fall was "welcome news", but added: "Unemployment has been far too high for far too long in Christchurch and east Dorset."

The announcement of the drop in unemployment came on the day that John Smith arrived in the Dorset town, predicting that the seat was within Labour's grasp. The rare presence of a Labour leader during a by-election campaign underlined the unexpected vigour and seriousness with which the Labour camp has been fighting the contest. Labour has almost no chance of gaining Christchurch but is determined not to lose its deposit for two by-elections running and to establish its electoral credibility on the south coast.

Mr Smith wasted no time in capitalising on Wednesday's Tory gaffe, when Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, broke with by-election convention by predicting that a Liberal Democrat victory in Christchurch could lead to a general election and a possible Labour government. Mr Smith said his heart lifted when he heard Mr Brooke's comments because they showed that "the only way to change the government and to get a better government is to vote Labour".

Today media attention turns to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who arrives in Christchurch to support the Tory campaign.

☐ 1992 general election result: R. J. Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D. Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J. Barratt (NLP) 243; A. Wareham (CRA) 175. Con majority 23,015.

Caterers called to account

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

FORWARD, the Whitehall caterers, listed fictitious workers on its payroll, cash takings did not match bank records and some profit figures appear to have been manipulated, according to the Commons public accounts committee.

MPs on the committee yesterday called for officials assigned to checking Forward's activities to be disciplined. The Treasury admitted to "some fraud", and recently the police have said they will look again at one or two cases. Disciplinary enquiries are under way in 15 cases.

The MPs also demanded a report from the Treasury on the cost to the taxpayer.

The committee report concluded: "We consider that this case, involving poor control, mismanagement, malpractice and fraud, represents a serious failure in the proper conduct of public business in what is — or should have been — a straightforward trading operation."

Forward operates on commercial lines and runs, or helps to run, about 175 restaurants in government departments and other public sector bodies with a turnover of around £30 million a year — and no audited accounts.

Smith reforms may founder on public apathy

What is it worth to become a member of the Labour party? How many of the four million trade union members who pay the political levy will be willing to hand over the equivalent of a couple of pints of beer a year to become full Labour members? As economists would say, what is the elasticity of demand? That in the long term is what will determine the success of John Smith's proposals to reduce the unions' collective say in the Labour party.

Mr Smith won a tactical victory for his plan by asserting his own personal leadership. The support of the review group on Wednesday, and probably also of the national executive next Monday, has given Mr Smith the initiative and divided the defenders of the status quo. But it does not guarantee him success in the face of continued opposition from some big unions.

The question remains: what sort of party will Labour be? The union block vote has acted as a crude ballast, often but not always on the side of the leadership, in the face of generally more extreme constituency parties. Even after the sharp decline in union membership of the 1980s, at least 16 times more people pay the political levy than are individual Labour members.

The current individual membership of Labour — officially estimated at 250,000 but, in practice, nearer 200,000 — is nowhere near a sufficient base for a national party. There remains the danger of the selection of parliamentary candidates being in the hands of a small minority of atypical activists.

The union leaders have a point in practice, if not in theory, in warning of the possible implications of a shift to a one member one vote system (Omov). John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union, has this week argued that, "the supporters of Omov risk creating a narrowly based party with a small membership and a democratic system which is too elitist for a party of the people."

The response of Labour's "modernisers" is that the changes are intended precisely to avoid such a narrowly based party by encouraging payers of the union political levy to become full Labour members on a large scale. The goal is the laudable one of creating a mass membership party.

There are some examples, such as Tony Blair's Sedgefield constituency, where a large local membership has been created by making Labour more appealing to its natural supporters. But these are the exceptions. Mr Edmonds is not alone in believing that "a monumental effort" would be required to recruit even 100,000 trade unionists as constituency members.

Labour has a poor record in mass membership drives, partly because of computer difficulties before the last general election. There are still uncertainties about how far the present £18 ordinary subscription rate will be cut and how much extra payers of the union political levy will have to contribute to become full Labour members. The figure of £3 has been mentioned. But how will it be administered to secure the required mass take-up of party membership?

The underlying doubt is more fundamental. Membership of political parties, the Conservatives as much as Labour, has been declining for more than a decade.

Aside from the inner core of activists, members of the public feel less need to belong to a party, whether to express their political solidarity or to advance their interests. There are other outlets, such as single issue pressure groups, which attract larger support.

Labour is seeking to reverse a well-established trend of declining political involvement. Mr Smith will achieve a big political victory if his proposals are approved by the Labour conference in late September. But the real test will be whether union members are interested. The bait may be there, and may be cheap, but do they want to bite?

Peter Riddell

Roy Hattersley, page 14

Mercury COMMUNICATIONS
A CABLE & WIRELESS COMPANY
"Really jolly good"
FreeCall 0500 500 242 for more information.

Ultrasound scans may affect brain of unborn child

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

■ Research in Europe has raised doubts over the necessity for every expectant mother to undergo a scan as a matter of course

ULTRASOUND tests during pregnancy may result in more left-handed babies. The finding, in a Norwegian study, suggests that the use of ultrasound, although not harmful in itself, does have subtle effects on the brain at a key stage of development.

The study follows a report by two Swiss doctors who say that the use of ultrasound scanning in pregnancy does not improve the chances of having healthy babies. Its only benefit is to identify malformed babies early, although many such diagnoses turn out to be wrong.

Taken together, the two studies may make doctors think twice about routine ultrasound, which has always been seen as a safe technique for observing babies in the womb. Most women in developed countries now have at least one ultrasound scan as a routine procedure during pregnancy, usually around 18 weeks, an important stage in the development of the brain.

The Norwegian study, published in this week's *British Medical Journal*, was carried out by Dr Kjell Salveson of the National Centre for Foetal Medicine in Trondheim. He and colleagues monitored more than 2,000 children, now aged eight or nine, who were born to women who had taken part in controlled trials of ultrasound while pregnant.

They found that those who were screened in the womb were about a quarter less likely to be right-handed than those who were not. No other differences between the two groups were found, and there was no evidence that the screened group suffered from impaired brain development.

Dr Salveson says that it is possible the association arose by chance. If not, it might be caused by minute changes to the brain, since there is evidence from laboratory studies that ultrasound can affect cell membranes.

The National Childbirth Trust said yesterday that ultrasound had slipped into widespread use in obstetrics without any proper trials. A spokeswoman said: "We certainly do query its use for absolutely every pregnancy." What were needed, she said, were trials in which children were followed up for many years to check for adverse effects.

The need for such trials was reinforced by a review of the existing evidence in last week's *BMJ* by the two Swiss doctors. They showed that in 15,935 pregnancies, half scanned and half not, there was no difference in terms of producing live, healthy babies. Dr Heiner Bucher, of the University of Basel, and Dr Johannes Schmidt, a general practitioner, concluded that the only clear benefit was the earlier detection of abnormalities in the foetus. However, they said, almost as many women were alarmed by a false diagnosis as were helped by a correct one. The conclusion was that ultrasound should be used explicitly as a test for abnormalities, and only with the consent of the woman.

IAN PARRY



Routine procedure: most women in developed countries have at least one scan during their pregnancies

NEWS IN BRIEF

'£1m' church painting is stolen

An Italian painting stolen from a village church could be worth £1 million, fine art experts said yesterday. The mid-17th century work by Guercino was cut from its frame at St Nicholas Church in Wickham, Hampshire.

The rector of Wickham, the Rev Arnold Hirst, said that *The Holy Family*, which had hung over a font in the south transept, was not insured. He said the church had no idea how much the painting was worth.

Experts at Sotheby's said they had no record of the piece in their catalogue of Old Masters but added that if it was by Guercino, it could be worth £1 million. The painting was given to the church 30 years ago.

Asbestos death

The actress Grace Welch died from industrial disease, the West Sussex coroner ruled. She died of mesothelioma, a lung condition caused by exposure to asbestos. Her husband, who is now ill, worked for an asbestos company before becoming an actor. Her son Peter said that she was often covered in asbestos dust after beating her husband's clothes clean.

Suicide rulings

An unemployed salesman, Christopher Connor, of Littleborough, Lancashire, shot himself to avoid arrest while attempting his third robbery to finance a new life for himself and his wife in Ibiza, an inquest was told. The coroner also recorded a suicide verdict on Simon Dixon, a schizophrenic who owned the house where Connor died and who was troubled by his death.

Van ordeal

A woman with Down's syndrome was left locked in a minibus when the driver parked it in the garage and went home for the weekend. A police hunt was launched after the woman, 29, failed to return home. She was found after a three-hour search. Berkshire County Council's social services department began an enquiry and sacked the driver.

Chase crash

A man was killed during a police chase after the BMW he was driving hit a tree. The victim, aged about 30, was pursued for a mile before losing control of the vehicle in Croydon, south London. The man was originally a passenger in the car being driven by his companion, who was stopped by officers and arrested for suspected drink-driving.

Eagle shot

A golden eagle found dead on the Island of Arran, off the west coast of Scotland, had been shot at close range, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said. It is the third eagle to have been found dead on the island in the past three years.

New range

The North-Eastern Co-op plans to sell buffalo burgers and steak after consumers at stores in Darlington, Newcastle upon Tyne and Stockton-on-Tees reacted enthusiastically at tasting sessions.

Shaw lovers restore his heartbreak house

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GEORGE Bernard Shaw hated his birthplace in Dublin but he would probably be delighted if he could see it now.

After five years of campaigning in which almost £200,000 has been raised, the house at 33 Synge Street, where Shaw lived in "shabby, genteel poverty", opened yesterday, restored to its original condition. The house, now the Shaw Birthplace Museum, had fallen into serious disrepair and only 18 months ago its interior presented a depressing sight, disfigured by cheap, modern wallpaper and furnishings and with rotten timbers and cracks all about.

The campaign to save it was launched by Frances McCarthy, a lifelong Shaw enthusiast who lives next door, and by Nora Lever, also a student of Shaw and a former professor of drama in the city.

Ms Lever regarded the neglect of the house where Shaw was born in 1856 as a national disgrace and she was determined it should be protected as part of Dublin's literary and architectural heritage.

The women raised the £111,000 needed to buy the property, including £16,000 from the British embassy, and persuaded Charles Haughey, then prime minister, to authorise much of the remaining funding for the restoration. There have also been contributions from Dublin Corporation and the European Community.

The object has been to try to recreate the modest mid-Victorian home of Shaw's childhood with period furniture from private benefactors and with what the organisers hope will be a growing collection of Shaw memorabilia.

Leading article, page 15

Fish counters net a wide-ranging catch

BY ADAM WILLIAMSON

A GOOD range of oil-rich fish is on offer this weekend. Scottish herrings from 75p a lb are good value, as are sardines at £1.40 a lb and mackerel at 90p a lb.

Crab and prawns are also plentiful and cheap. At Asda, small prawns are down more than £2 to £3.16 a lb, while Waitrose has cooked and peeled North Atlantic prawns at £3.99 a lb, a £1 saving on the usual price.

A combination of recent high tides, strong winds and poor landings has caused a shortage of some species of fish so now is a good time to try something different. Harrods has parrot fish from Australia at £4.50 a lb. At Waitrose, whole, gutted rainbow trout is £1.89 per pound.

Lamb is the best meat bargain. Waitrose has British lamb shoulder chops at £1.99 per lb and ground lamb at £1.89. Sainsbury beats them all, however, with lamb shoulder at only 99p a lb.

Granny Smith apples are good value at 32p a lb at a number of outlets. Sainsbury's red dessert apples are 24p a lb. Advertised best buys:

Asda: beef rump steak, £3.49 a lb; rindless back bacon 99p for 200g, cauliflowers 39p each.

Gateway & Somerfield: pork loin chops, £1.19 a lb; tomatoes, 29p a lb; oranges 8p each.

Harrods: veal escalopes, £5.80 a lb; game pie, £5.95 a lb; American blueberries, £1.85 ½lb; French artichokes, 90p a lb.

Iceland: leg of lamb, £1.59 a lb; chicken breasts, £4.99 for 4lb; cod steaks, £2.49 for 6; minced beef, £2.99 for 3lb 12oz.

Safeway: quiche lorraine, 49p each; honey roast ham, 87p for 160g; Granny Smith apples, 32p a lb; nectarines, £1.19 a punnet.

Sainsbury: lamb shoulder, 99p a lb; chicken quarters, 79p a lb; courgettes, 49p each; water melons, 99p each.

Tesco: fresh sardines, £1.39 a lb; smoked haddock cutlets, £2.79 a lb; large pineapples, 99p each.

Waitrose: lamb shoulder, £1.99 a lb; ground lamb, £1.89 a lb; North Atlantic prawns, £3.99 a lb; Granny Smith apples, 32p a lb.

THE COMET SALE.

BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR ON SELECTED REFRIGERATION.

PROLINE NF315/3
(illustrated right)
Exclusive to Comet
■ Frost-free Fridge Freezer
■ 5.1 gross cu.ft. auto defrost fridge
■ 3.6 gross cu.ft. frost-free freezer compartment
■ 3.2 gross cu.ft. chill compartment for convenience foods
■ H1780mm x W595mm x D600mm
was £449.99
12 Months Interest Free Credit*
SALE PRICE £379.99
SAVE £70

BEST BUY
EXCLUSIVE FROST-FREE FRIDGE FREEZER WITH 0°C CHILL COMPARTMENT

SAVE UP TO £70 ON THESE FRIDGE FREEZERS

ARISTON DF230 ..... SALE PRICE £179.99 SAVE £20
6.6/1.6 gross cu.ft./Auto defrost fridge
was £199.99

TRICITY BENDIX CD009 ..... SALE PRICE £249.99 SAVE £50
Exclusive to Comet
4.9/3.4 gross cu.ft., was £299.99
6 Months Interest Free Credit*

ELECTROLUX ER3000B ..... SALE PRICE £299.99 SAVE £70
Exclusive to Comet
6.7/3.6 gross cu.ft./Auto defrost fridge
was £369.99
6 Months Interest Free Credit* or Buy Now Pay Next Year**

ZANUSSI DF62/26 ..... SALE PRICE £299.99 SAVE £50
6.1/2.7 gross cu.ft./Auto defrost fridge
was £349.99
6 Months Interest Free Credit* or Buy Now Pay Next Year**

SCANDINOVA SFF6745 ..... £449.99
6.7/4.5 gross cu.ft./Frost-free
6 Months Interest Free Credit*

SAVE UP TO £50 ON THESE FREEZERS

BEKO BX190 ..... £129.99
4.1 gross cu.ft. Upright Freezer/Reversible door
Lowest Priced Upright Freezer at Comet

SCANDINOVA SCF69 ..... SALE PRICE £179.99 SAVE £20
Exclusive to Comet
6.9 gross cu.ft. Chest Freezer, was £199.99

ZANUSSI ZV45 ..... SALE PRICE £249.99 SAVE £20
4.3 gross cu.ft. Upright Freezer/Fast freeze facility
was £269.99
6 Months Interest Free Credit* or Buy Now Pay Next Year**

PROLINE NF95 ..... SALE PRICE £279.99 SAVE £30
Exclusive to Comet
9.5 gross cu.ft. frost-free Upright Freezer
was £309.99. 12 Months Interest Free Credit*

SCANDINOVA SUF105 ..... SALE PRICE £399.99 SAVE £50
10.5 gross cu.ft. frost-free Upright Freezer
was £449.99. 6 Months Interest Free Credit*

AUTO DEFROST FRIDGE
0°C CHILL COMPARTMENT
FROST-FREE FREEZER

FROST-FREE BENEFITS
No Defrosting
Faster Freezing
More Usable Space

STOCK CLEARANCE NOW IN-STORE
■ ON TOP BRAND REFRIGERATION
■ UNBEATABLE PRICES
■ GUARANTEED FOR 12 MONTHS
■ MAKING WAY FOR NEW RANGES

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING STARTS AT COMET – HELPING YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
Good Housekeeping Institute
EXCLUSIVE TO COMET
Ask in-store for details
★ 7 INFORMATIVE BUYING GUIDES INCLUDING REFRIGERATION
★ INDEPENDENT PRODUCT TESTING AND TRIED & TESTED PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS
★ SPECIAL RATE SUBSCRIPTION TO GOOD HOUSEKEEPING MAGAZINE
★ TELEPHONE HOTLINE†
★ INDEPENDENT ADVICE

SAVE UP TO £60 ON THESE FRIDGES

BEKO BX180 ..... SALE PRICE £119.99 SAVE £10
5.0 gross cu.ft. Larder Fridge/Auto defrost
was £129.99
Lowest Priced Larder Fridge at Comet

HOTPOINT 8221 ..... SALE PRICE £169.99 SAVE £60
5.6 gross cu.ft. Standard Fridge/2 star freezer box
was £229.99
6 Months Interest Free Credit* or Buy Now Pay Next Year**

ZANUSSI ZF56L ..... £229.99 SAVE £20
5.6 gross cu.ft. Larder Fridge/Auto defrost
was £248.99
6 Months Interest Free Credit* or Buy Now Pay Next Year**

SCANDINOVA SLF111 ..... SALE PRICE £279.99 SAVE £20
Exclusive to Comet
11.1 gross cu.ft. Larder Fridge/Auto defrost
was £299.99. 6 Months Interest Free Credit*

AUTO DEFROST
INDESIT TR1458/1459
5.0 gross cu.ft. Larder Fridge
was £169.99. SAVE £42.50
SALE PRICE £127.49
25% OFF

LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED
The lowest price guaranteed with our Price Promise

AFTER SALES SERVICE
Your satisfaction guaranteed by our specialist teams

OPEN TIL 8PM WEEKDAYS
Most stores open Sunday
All stores in Scotland
Ring 081-200 0200 for details

COMET
YOU KNOW WHERE TO COME.

All items subject to availability. All prices shown include VAT [except where indicated]. Where a saving is stated, it is based on a previous price available at Comet for a period of 28 consecutive days in the previous 6 months or against a Manufacturer's Recommended Price where stated, except Comet, Bristol. *Interest Free Credit. 20% deposit then either 5 or 12 equal monthly payments. 0% APR. For example: Cash price = £300. Deposit 20% = £60. Amount of payments = 6 months @ £40. **Buy Now Pay January 1994. For example: Cash price = £300. Deposit 20% = £60. No further payments for up to 6 months after the purchase date. Balance £240 is payable in full within the 6 calendar month period. Subject to status and cannot be guaranteed. Comet is a licensed credit broker for this service. Comet Group Plc, George Street, Hull. Ask for a written credit quotation at your local store. †Ask in-store for full details. ◎ = Selected Stores Only. Prices correct at time of going to Press. However, Comet reserves the right to alter or amend prices or offers without prior notification. © Comet Group Plc. Cannot be reproduced without their permission.

Moscow promises more troops to defend Tajik border

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin has responded firmly to the killing on Wednesday of 25 Russian soldiers on the Tajik-Afghan border, saying he would "resolutely protect" Russia's interests in Central Asia.

In a tough statement issued yesterday from his holiday retreat, Mr Yeltsin said that he had approved a request from the Russian military headquarters in Tajikistan to send more troops to the border area to help the Dushanbe leadership to fight off incursions from rebel forces and to protect Russian servicemen stationed there.

Mr Yeltsin's comments make clear that he considers Central Asia to be within Russia's sphere of influence and his bullish tone will please conservatives who have accused him of failing to support Russians living outside the country's borders. "The Russian president declares that he is resolved and prepared to protect Russia's geopolitical interests and its allies," the statement said. Parliament then voted for a clampdown on rebel activity in the area.

The soldiers and some villagers were killed in a battle after a dawn mortar attack on a Russian border outpost by 200 Tajik rebels and Afghan fighters. The Tajik foreign ministry has sent an official note of protest to Kabul, calling the raid "a hostile act".

The pro-Russian government in the capital Dushanbe has accused Afghan guerrillas of backing opposition groups that fled Tajikistan earlier this year after bitter fighting in the south of the country.

Konstantin Kobets, the deputy Russian defence minister, said that parliament's approval of extra measures meant a "go-ahead for launching combat operations. We are not confused with the wording. It was set in specific parliamentary language," he said.

He hinted that Russian forces might strike sites across the border into Afghanistan. "We know that [rebel] bases, depots and artillery are situated on Afghan territory," Mr Kobets said. "We do not say we are going to strike at Afghan territory. We are going to strike at any object in the combat zone." Mr Kobets said the reinforcements would come from the Russian 201st Motor Rifle Division.

President Yeltsin earlier had blamed parliament for failing to approve the use of force outside Russia's borders, claiming that its delay in approving the demands of the armed forces had "harmed political interests in the country".

The Kremlin leader is seeking to carve out a formal peacekeeping and monitoring role for Russia among the republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States. This move is opposed by other republics, particularly Ukraine which fears that Moscow is seeking to restore its dominance in the former Soviet Union.

About 3,500 mainly Russian border guards help to protect the remote borders of the former Soviet republic. Russian army anger and frustration at the incident was voiced by the military daily newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* which drew a comparison with the latest US raid on Iraq.

"The United States considered it possible to punish Iraq just for criminal designs . . . Is it not time to show to the whole world how highly we value the lives of our soldiers?", it said.

Italy's senators pass election law

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

REFORM of Italy's discredited electoral system moved a step closer yesterday when the senate approved a law governing elections to the chamber of deputies that provides for 75 per cent of the lower house to be elected by a straight majority. The remaining 25 per cent of members will still be elected by a system of proportional representation.

The bill was supported by the parties of the government coalition, with the exception of the small Liberal Party, and it was also backed by the pro-autonomy Northern League. Opposition parties led by the former communist Democratic Party of the Left voted against, while two minor reformist parties abstained.

As the senate modified the text already approved by the chamber of deputies, the bill must return for further consideration by the lower house. Among other modifications passed, the senate raised the threshold for representation in the lower house from a minimum 4 per cent of the vote to 5 per cent.

Giovanni Spadolini, the president of the senate, said parliament was on schedule to pass electoral reform laws for both chambers by early August. "It was a concise debate, a discussion of concrete issues not influenced by ideology, which saw the various political formations express themselves clearly on the electoral system, which the public has long wanted radically revised," he said.

□ **Zurich:** Switzerland said yesterday that Giuseppe Garofano, a former Ferruzzi executive and one of the most wanted figures in Italy's corruption scandal, had agreed to his immediate extradition to Italy, which would take place in the next few days. *(Reuter)*

MATA HARI GOES ON DISPLAY



Venus preserved: Mata Hari, the Dutch-Javanese first world war spy, nude dancer and femme fatale, is to have her own museum in Leeuwarden, the dairy-farming town in The Netherlands where she was born. Maria Boon, of the Mata Hari Foundation, said yesterday that the museum would open in August next year down the street from where the dancer spent her childhood. Mata Hari wooed officers and passed on to both sides the secrets she learnt during intimate moments. *(AP)*

Ragged army of Abkhazia rebels ignores ultimatum

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN SUKHUMI, ABKHAZIA

The Georgian government's ultimatum to Abkhazian rebels to abandon their siege of the regional capital, Sukhumi, expired yesterday with no immediate signs of the threatened Georgian counter-offensive. It seems that Georgia is in no position to launch such an attack at the moment.

The rebels control more than three-quarters of the territory of Abkhazia, an autonomous republic of Georgia. Following an historical pattern, they hold the thinly populated Caucasus mountains and foothills, the heartland of the Abkhazian people, while the Georgians hold the rich coastal plain as far as Sukhumi and the Gumista river. In military terms, the Georgians, therefore, are repeating the experience of the ancient Greeks, Romans and Byzantines, the Turks and Russians, who also held the Black Sea coast against the mountain tribes.

Attacks across the Gumista have proven costly for the Abkhazians. Georgian military sources claim that the rebels lost 600 men in an offensive last week.

The main Abkhazian strategy has been to try to cut the coast road from Georgia to Sukhumi, either by a flanking movement across the mountains or by a sea landing. A naval assault last week briefly cut the road, but a Georgian counter-attack forced the rebels to withdraw. On Tuesday night, the Abkhazians tried to land south of Sukhumi, but were driven off, according to the Georgian side.

From my balcony in Sukhumi I watched the night battle — a spectacular fireworks display of white flashes from the guns of Abkhazian ships, streaks of yellow from the rockets and red from the tracers — against the backdrop of an enormous star-studded sky over the bay.

The Abkhazian navy is said to consist of fishing boats and other vessels, fitted with guns. The Georgians claim, however, that Russia has provided the rebels with warships. Abkhazian attempts to attack across the mountains are hampered by the terrain and the lack of roads, making it difficult to transport heavy weapons. Even in the foothills the going is difficult as a Georgian advance up Zegan mountain found on Tuesday: the troops, some of them eldery volunteers, had to struggle up steep slopes and through thorn thickets.

Artillery, in theory, could be dismantled and carried up the slopes by men, but in Abkhazia the number involved in the fighting on both sides is very small. The Georgian military staff in Sukhumi estimates that the total strength of all the Abkhazian forces may be fewer than 5,000 men. If the rebels have suffered the number of casualties claimed by Georgia, the Abkhazian campaign could be seriously hurt.



The Georgian advance up Mount Zegan also indicated the weakness of the Abkhazian front. Mount Zegan dominates the village of Shroma, five miles north of Sukhumi, and is one of the two positions that Georgia has asked the rebels to evacuate.

For their part, the Georgian forces are divided and their commanders are often bitter enemies. The trickle of reinforcements arriving in Sukhumi indicates that it suffers from an acute fuel shortage.

The main reason for Abkhazian successes so far undoubtedly has been support from the Russian military, which has covertly given them aircraft and arms. Russia has also bombed Georgian positions.

MAPLES

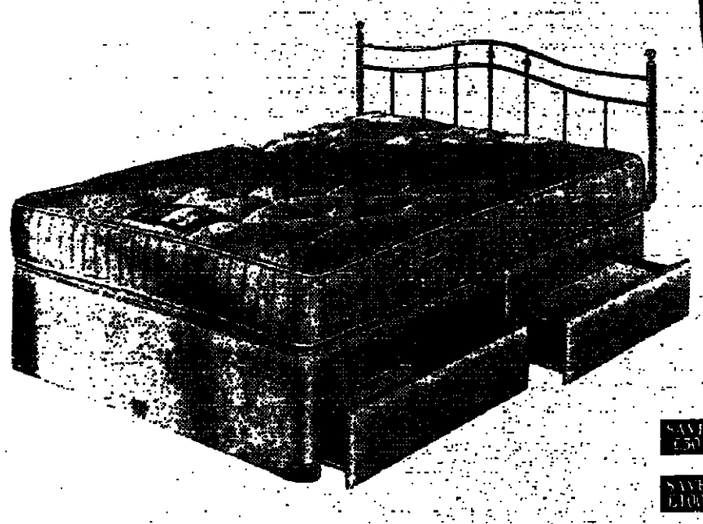
SALE

EVERY SINGLE ITEM REDUCED IN EVERY SINGLE STORE



MAPLEFORD UPHOLSTERY COLLECTION
(Shown above)
3 SEATER SOFA SALE PRICE £699 (SAVE £150, PREVIOUS PRICE £849)
2 SEATER SOFA SALE PRICE £599 (SAVE £150, PREVIOUS PRICE £749)
CHAIR SALE PRICE £379 (SAVE £70, PREVIOUS PRICE £449)

MAPLES INTERNATIONAL 4'6" 4 DRAWER CLARENCE
(Shown below)
SALE PRICE £499 (SAVE £300, PREVIOUS PRICE £799)





TUSCANY DINING COLLECTION
(Shown above)
TABLE SALE PRICE £749 (SAVE £50, PREVIOUS PRICE £799)
CHAIR SALE PRICE £249 (SAVE £50, PREVIOUS PRICE £299)
CARVER SALE PRICE £299 (SAVE £100, PREVIOUS PRICE £399)
CHINA CABINET SALE PRICE £1099 (SAVE £100, PREVIOUS PRICE £1199)

UPHOLSTERY · CABINETS · BEDS · CARPETS · DINING FURNITURE · OBJETS D'ART · CURTAIN FABRICS

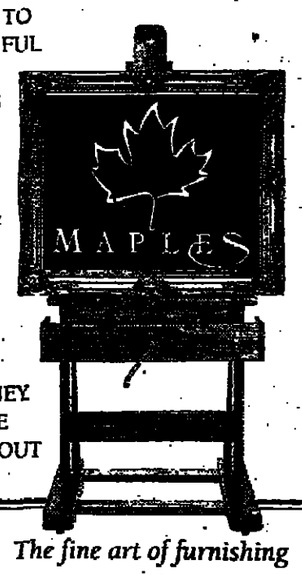
CALL YOUR LOCAL STORE ON 0345 585851 BIRMINGHAM · BOURNEMOUTH · BRIGHTON · CARDIFF · CHESTER EXETER · JERSEY · KINGSTON · LEEDS · LEICESTER · LINCOLN · LONDON · OXFORD · SOUTHAMPTON · WATFORD · WORTHING also available at Waring & Gillow, BRISTOL · LANCASTER · MANCHESTER · SOUTHPORT

* 2 years interest free credit is available on all orders over £1000. Minimum deposit 20%. 0% APR. Example: order value £1000. Deposit £200. 24 equal monthly payments of £33 payable by direct debit. Written quotation available on request, subject to status, you pay no more than the cash price.

THE fine ART OF FURNISHING

THERE'S AN ART TO CREATING BEAUTIFUL HOMES. WHICH IS WHY EVERYTHING AT MAPLES HAS BEEN SINGLE-MINDEDLY DESIGNED TO CREATE JUST THE RIGHT LOOK.

OUR SUMMER SALE IS NOW ON, SO WE'VE REDUCED EVERY SINGLE PRICE ON OUR FULL RANGE OF QUALITY FURNISHINGS. ALL GENUINE SALE BARGAINS. AND ALL DESIGNED TO SAVE YOU MONEY. THERE IS ALSO INTEREST FREE CREDIT AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE STORE.



The fine art of furnishing

Ibero-American leaders threaten to step up sanctions against Havana regime

Weary Castro says reforms are on the way in Cuba

FROM GABRIELLE GAMINI IN SALVADOR DA BAHIA

PRESIDENT Castro of Cuba said yesterday that democratic reforms would eventually come to his country.

Wearing a thick layer of make-up to cover his drawn features, he told *The Times* in a brief interview: "Changes are difficult in this world. It is very difficult to think of positive things because there is no right and no wrong way to go about ruling." He added that Cuba might be forced to open up to change. Asked about the situation on the island, he said: "Things are well, as well as they could be."

During the two-day Ibero-American conference in this former colonial and slave-trading capital of Brazil, Dr Castro has been under intense pressure to expand democracy in Cuba. The leaders of Latin America, Spain and Portugal are unanimous in demanding that he should lead his country towards democratic changes.

Although the Latin presidents are split on whether to support an increase in United States-imposed sanctions, which have brought the Cuban economy to its knees and led to a breakdown in industries because of the lack of fuel, most have agreed to continue to back the economic embargo imposed 30 years ago unless there is change. President Menem of Argentina has proclaimed himself "Bill Clinton's voice" and is leading the calls for more pressure against the only remaining communist regime in Latin America.

"Menem will pass on the message that the United States will ease its blockade if democratic reforms are undertaken," a member of the Argentine delegation said. However, Hector Argiles, spokesman for the Cuban delegation here, has already said his country is "perfectly democratic", citing as an example the one-party assembly elections held in February.

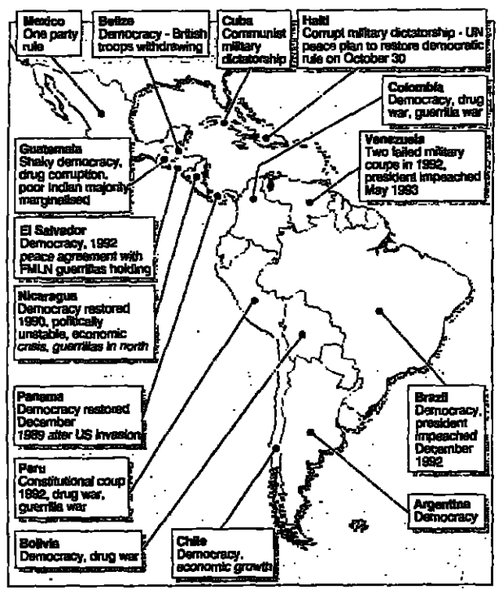
Señor Menem will want a harsh condemnation of Cuba and more sanctions in the final conference document to be signed today if Dr Castro fails to accept change. The Mexican and Nicaraguan leaders, backed by members of international organisations, have criticised continuing sanctions. They say these are affecting other Central American countries by preventing them selling goods to Cuba.

The American embargo was also condemned by President Paz Zamora of Bolivia and President Fujimori of Peru. President Gaviria of Colombia, who was with Dr Castro when he spoke to *The Times*, said he was against increasing sanctions on Cuba and wanted to ease the plight of the Cuban people. He nevertheless urged the Cuban president to bring in democratic reforms. Itamar Franco, the acting president of Brazil, has made no statement on Cuba during the summit but opposes a continuing blockade. All the presidents have until tonight to decide which line to take on Cuba and they may be forced into a halfway declaration that condemns the communist system and demands reforms, especially in opening up the island's economy.

Dr Castro has also been having meetings with Brazilian industrialists to encourage them to invest in Cuba. And, whatever the political climate, the people of Salvador have given him a hero's welcome and called on their good spirits to help him. "There is a close link between our people and Cubans. Most of us descend from slaves and are still forced to live in a very unjust society. There is a lot of sympathy for Castro in our poverty-stricken town" said Neide Gómez Lima e Silva, leading one of the pro-Castro demonstrations outside a luxury hotel in Salvador. Cuban exiles led by Roberto Martín Pérez, who spent 21 years in a prison in Havana, clashed with Castro supporters and several people were injured.



Ageing revolutionary: President Castro of Cuba climbing into his limousine after arriving in Salvador da Bahia in Brazil for the 24-nation Ibero-American summit, which began its formal discussions yesterday



Latin America's fragile young democracies on trial

BY DAVID ADAMS

DEMOCRATIC rule in Latin America has lately undergone a series of important tests in a region where civilian governments only recently have become the norm.

When Jean-Bertrand Aristide was elected President of Haiti in December 1990, only Cuba remained as the odd man out as democracy finally appeared to be taking hold everywhere. But Father Aristide lasted barely seven months before he was ousted by a military coup. Under a United Nations peace plan agreed in New York at the weekend, Father Aristide will be returned to power on October 30.

In April last year, President Fujimori dissolved the Peruvian congress and suspended constitutional guarantees. In February and November last year, President Pérez of Venezuela survived two attempted military coups, only to be ousted by constitutional means in May, following in the footsteps of President Collor de Melo of Brazil.

On May 25, President Serrano of Guatemala, apparently inspired by Señor Fujimori, also chose to rule by decree and dissolved congress and the country's supreme court. Only a week later he too was gone, to be replaced by Ramiro de León Carpio, the country's highly respected state human rights prosecutor.

Observers are trying to evaluate whether these democratic see-saws are to be taken as good or bad signs of democratic progress. Most have no trouble placing Haiti, Cuba and Peru on the negative side of the democracy balance sheet. The developments in Venezuela and Brazil are seen as positive.

Guatemala is tottering on the knife edge and could fall either way. It remains to be seen how the divided but powerful military will conduct itself, now that it must take orders from a man who dared to investigate some of its sinister abuses.

"The history of Guatemala does not encourage a generous analysis of military intentions," Eduardo Gamarra, a political scientist at Florida International University, said. Civilian rule was restored in Guatemala in 1986 after a period of brutal military repression.

Mr Gamarra said he was encouraged by the way Venezuelan democratic institutions survived the past turbulent year. "The institutions did not collapse; democratic procedures worked," he said.

"Democracy is not just about having elections, it requires strong institutions which are generally lacking in Latin America," he added.

While the military still wields enormous power in Peru, Haiti and Cuba, elsewhere armies are shrinking in the face of state-imposed demilitarisation. Officers say they are happy to take a back seat as democracy takes hold. Latin American forces have little to be cheerful about, however, as budgets are slashed for training and equipment.

As countries seek to redirect military spending to neglected social needs in a region of widespread poverty and illiteracy, the focus is slowly turning towards the fundamental problems of "hyper-corruption," both judicial and financial.

Charges of state-tolerated corruption were the root cause in the challenges to democracy in Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, and Guatemala. Public anger over corruption was also a factor in the Bolivian elections last month, where illicit enrichment by public officials has traditionally been part of the political culture.

Efforts at judicial reform and to impose mechanisms to control state corruption throughout the region are still in their infancy. "What politicians lack is a culture of democratic behaviour," Mr Gamarra said.

Italians reject UN call to sack general

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

ITALY prepared yesterday to send a senior diplomat and military officer to Somalia in an attempt to damp down a fierce dispute over the conduct of the Italian United Nations peacekeeping force.

Fabio Fabbri, the defence minister, responded bluntly to UN calls for the removal of General Bruno Loi, the commander of the 2,400-strong Italian contingent in Somalia. He said the UN polemic over General Loi was "unfounded in its substance and irritating in its form and should be rejected without hesitation".

Carlo Azelgio Ciampi, the prime minister, reiterated his support for the aims of the UN mission after widespread disquiet over the direction of American-led policy.

Maurizio Moreno, a foreign ministry envoy, and General Bruno Buscemi, the deputy army chief of staff, were due to fly to Mogadishu, the Somali capital, today for talks with UN and American officials. The dispute came to a head after Italy criticised the American helicopter attack last Monday on a command centre controlled by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the leading warlord. The UN responded by calling publicly for the removal of General Loi, who was considered guilty of implementing his government's policy of preferring dialogue to confrontation.

The Italian government appears to have been ready quietly to withdraw the controversial general at the end of August but the public insistence on his removal by Koffi Annan, the UN undersecretary for peacekeeping, has caused it to dig in its heels.

Signor Fabbri's uncompromising line was tempered by assurances from Beniamino Andreatta, the foreign minister, of Italy's support for UN operations. Signor Andreatta said he had received messages of support and understanding from Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State and from Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general.

"There would be heated debate in the Westminster parliament if the foreign minister reported that there had been a helicopter bombardment in Belfast in order to capture an IRA leader," Signor Andreatta said in an interview with CNN. "On this, our public opinion is no different from Westminster."

Letters, page 15

Duchess's US friend to marry

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

STEVE Wyatt, the Texas millionaire and holiday friend of the Duchess of York, is planning to marry Cate Magennis, a Virginia state official, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

Ms Magennis, 32, has been linked in the past to such Washington notables as Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator John Warner, as well as to Governor Douglas Wilder of Virginia, and is thus no stranger to the gossip columns.

This she has in common with Mr Wyatt, 39, who prompted feverish speculation



Wyatt: photographs in London flat

last year when photographs were found in a vacant London flat showing him relaxing on holiday with the Duchess of York — the first indication, according to some, that all was not well with the royal marriage.

Cate (Cathleen) Magennis is the Virginia state secretary of economic development, controlling a budget of about $541 million (£360 million), as well as co-chairman of the Millennium Society, a group that funds international scholarships and holds parties to herald the end of the century.

Compassionate Clinton wins hearts in Iowa

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's swift move to double federal aid for the flooded farmlands of Iowa and his visit to the Midwestern state at the centre of America's worst flooding disaster in over 20 years have proved among his most popular actions in office.

On the water-drenched plains of Iowa and the surrounding states affected by the disaster, which have left at least 22 people dead and 30,000 people flooded out of their homes, the president has finally found an agenda on which he can out-perform his opponents and display his deep-felt concern.

Shovel in hand, the president helped volunteers in Des Moines, the capital of Iowa, to fill sandbags in a belated effort to protect a flooded water treatment plant, which has left 250,000 residents without drinking water. In a television interview with CNN, Mr Clinton almost choked on his words. Few Americans will forget the photograph on the front page of almost every newspaper nationwide, of the 24-year-old woman whose parents lost their home, and who found herself in a tearful embrace with Mr Clinton.

The president is back at what he has always done best, be it as Governor of Arkansas, as a presidential candidate or as president: managing disaster.

During his Des Moines visit he said: "Because I come from a state that's not all that different from Iowa, I have seen whole towns flooded. I have seen massive amounts of farmland flooded. But I've never seen anything on this scale before."

Then he was all over the place: on the edge of the Des Moines river; in a helicopter inspecting the flooded areas; at a local radio station answering questions from anxious listeners; and in a car park shaking hands with surprised shoppers.

Then he switched back into executive mode, promising a doubling of federal aid for flooded areas to about $2.5 billion (£1.66 billion), holding out the prospect of even more money if the need arises. Yesterday he met congressional leaders and urged them into "swift action".



Helping hand: Terry Brown, front, wades with his boat and Chip Davis, on their way to salvage food from Mr Davis's restaurant, north of St Joseph, Missouri

While the rains subsided yesterday there were forecasts of more rain to come this weekend, threatening more flooding from the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers. Meanwhile, national guardsmen and prisoners joined residents in piling sandbags in an effort to save the Bayview Bridge, which links Quincy and Missouri, the only working bridge across the Mississippi for 212 miles.

The flooding has also washed away many presidential problems. Mr Clinton's approach to the natural disaster is seen as a welcome departure from the seemingly uncaring attitude of his predecessor during Hurricane Hugo and Hurricane Andrew, when George Bush made brief appearances and left the victims at the mercy of an incompetent and unforgiving bureaucracy. Clinton watchers note that since David Gergen arrived as presidential counsellor last month, the president has not put a foot wrong and has displayed a media awareness to rival Ronald Reagan's. As yet there are no opinion polls to reflect these latest developments. But there is at least no more talk of his being the least popular president in history.

Time for politicians to regain initiative

BY LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

That journalists were among the victims of the United Nations raid in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, has highlighted the complex relations developing between the media and Western governments in conflicts of this nature.

These relations are the subject of much private grumbling among senior officials and officers. The complaint is that the media set the political agenda, largely by televising compelling images of the suffering victims of conflict in faraway places. According to the insiders, who prefer to draw up their own agenda based on careful calculations of national interest, these images create a public clamour for intervention to which politicians feel obliged to respond.

The military then get asked to "do something about" the conflict. Because the purpose and methods of this "something" are not thought through, their implementation proves frustrating and unsatisfactory and the public is liable to become disenchanted.

The distressing conditions in Somalia at the end of last year were widely publicised, encouraging the view that a short, sharp intervention might restore a modicum of order and lead to the better distribution of aid. One explanation for George Bush's readiness to send troops, in addition to the fact that if things went wrong he would soon be safely out of office, was that this problem seemed far more tractable than Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Any sustained campaign, however, is likely to involve setbacks and casualties. One of the insiders' complaints is that media-led public opinion is in favour of sending in troops to bring order to chaotic situations, but it draws the line at the use of force. Hence the speed with which long-term commitments can be pronounced a shambles and a failure following any tough action that lacks absolute precision in its execution.

Monday's events in Mogadishu reveal two other features of the changing role of the media. First, they have become part of the political process rather than disinterested recorders of events and that can cause a dangerous ambiguity about their status. Second, journalists these days are often more at risk than military personnel.

The United States has developed a military doctrine in which troops are not to be exposed to excessive danger in limited conflicts. That explains in part why little attempt was made to disarm the Somali warlords when the US troops arrived and why action is now being taken with aircraft and helicopter gunships.

Journalists tend to be in the thick of things because they know that is where they will get the best stories and images. One consequence of that may be to enhance further the media's sensitivity to the immediate impact of events. Nevertheless, if media words and images are allowed to have a disproportionate effect on policy, it is most likely to be because the policy-makers are confused and uncertain.

The media tend to arrive in a conflict zone when the spiral of violence has already taken hold, for only then is it likely to be of interest. By that point effective external intervention may be too late. If governments want to regain the initiative from the media, they need to indentify the simmering conflicts before they bubble over.

Lawrence Freedman is professor of war studies, King's College London

LDP's 'handsome trio' woos Tokyo's grannies

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

WITH three campaign days remaining before Sunday's election, the ruling Liberal Democratic party's "handsome trio", led by Ryutaro Hashimoto, the former finance minister, had buried all personal rivalries and the three men were campaigning outside Shibuya station, Tokyo's equivalent of King's Cross.

First on stage was Yohei Kono, the conservatively tailored chief cabinet minister, who was sporting a big smile for the grannies sweltering under their parasols in the back row. Then Shintaro Ishihara, famous for his published tirades against America, skipped up to join him. The former transport minister's hair was newly coiffured and he was sporting pale Italian clothing to show off his healthy tan and perfect dentistry. Finally Mr Hashimoto arrived, his swooping sideburns and Tintin quiff freshly oiled, his raised arms acknowledging the cheers from the crowd.

The show began with a solo speech from Mr Kono in his best baritone. A few soothing avuncular words for the younger fans at the front: "The LDP is a responsible party. We can be trusted." A touch of contrition, a little apology: "We will repair the damage done by scandals. We are truly sorry for what has passed."

Cheers and applause followed: Mr Ishihara took up the theme, pounding the opposition Japan Socialists. "I don't need to tell you here today that we can't possibly leave the economy to be run by the Socialists. Just think of the chaos and the embarrassment before our international allies."

With a few more hints that any coalition with a Socialist element would be disastrous for the nation, the star of the show came forward to claim the limelight. Mr Hashimoto took up the theme of political reform, and cheerfully assured his audience that the LDP really is "truly committed" this time. Beaming at his fans, he described a newly reformed party, a chance for an inspired new LDP leadership and, performing an ostentatious nose to knees bow, begged humbly for their support. A sea of arms shot up, people surged forward to shake their hands, to touch them, and to have something important to tell their children over supper.

Over the years, opinion polls have consistently ranked these three as the most popular LDP politicians. The reasons cited in one recent women's university survey showed that Japan's bluestockings like them because "they are handsome", "they are important" and "they remind me of my father".

Japanese election campaigns have traditionally tended to turn on personality more than policy, and the trio's strategy is believed to be contributing to the modest return of support to the ruling party, shown in several polls this week. Most analysts expect the LDP to retain all the seats it held at the start of the campaign and to add a further ten or more, giving it the option of creating a coalition government with the support of independents and minority opposition parties.

هكذا من الأصل

Shelling may herald start of Serbs' final offensive

BY TC RHODES AND OUROREIGN STAFF

■ Renewed shelling in Croatia has caused fears that the last, most destructive phase of the war is imminent. The UN believes its aid may be trapped in its coastal warehouses

SEVERAcey towns in Croatia wereshelled yesterday, promptinears of a big Serb offensive nd the start of another r in the former Yugoslav. In a clear sign of rising coern, the International ReCross said it was evacuatinits workers from potential ovatian flashpoints.

Althou only eight people were seriely wounded when Karlovac me under artillery and mori attack, this was the firstsuch attack for months othe garrison town only 25 ms southwest of the capital, Zreb. Karlovac had received) shells before dawn.

Sporadshelling was also reported aund Osijek, scene of some che worst fighting during thirst Croatian war, while the people were wounded / shellfire in the coastal .tn of Zadar on Wednesdi night. As far up the coast Rijeka, close to the Slovene rder, there were reports tl 50 rockets had been firec the Ogulin refugee camp ar by and tensions were oncmore said to be rising in tpicturesque resori of Dubrok.

Relatio between the two sides havleteriorated since January ven Croatian forces overran i agreed ceasefire line to ce the strategic Maslenicridge. United Nations offics fear that a recent decision fm the Zagreb administrati to open both the bridge arZadar airport on Sunday htriggered the Serb offensive d say it could lead to all-out ir.

The Sxs, who control about 30 r cent of Croatian territory, : still within range of both iallations and say they will e force to prevent their opeg. Cedric Thornberry, daty head of the United tions Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia, described the situation as "delicate and dangerous".

"Both sides are armed to the teeth and both have brought in reinforcements," he said this week. "In these circumstances, the risk of war breaking out again becomes really very high."

The latest attacks added a new twist to the talks in London yesterday between Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and his German counterpart, Klaus Kinkel. On Wednesday, Mr Hurd said it



was time for the European Community to consider imposing sanctions against Croatia for its role in the conflict in former Yugoslavia.

Herr Kinkel said this week that the time was not right for such an action. The latest assault can have only bolstered Germany's stance.

As an indication of the serious mood on the ground, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which cares for about 650,000 refugees and displaced persons in Croatia, said yesterday that its delegates were being evacuated from Osijek and Rijeka for security reasons. The delegate in Dubrovnik was also being withdrawn, but the female staff member in Karlovac had been unable to leave the town safely.

More than a month ago, both Serbs and Croats started to prevent UN military observers' access to frontline positions, thus heightening speculation of imminent conflict. Many of the EC monitors in the area believe that this Krajina offensive may mark the final stage of the overall war.

If this does herald the start of such a war, then it may be a sign that the Serbs have concluded the essential part of their carve-up in central Bosnia. Only weeks ago Bosnian Croats were believed to be colluding with Bosnian Serbs to secure territory in the Maglaj salient, facilitating the creation of a corridor linking Serb territories in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

As attention focused on Croatia yesterday, however, the United Nations reported an intensification in fighting between Muslims and Croats in Mostar, the disputed city to the southwest of Bosnia. While fierce battles raged in the city, a spokesman said that "high intensity" fighting had spread to Capljina, 12 miles south of Mostar skirting Bosnia's border with Croatia.

The UN fears that hostilities in the area could obstruct aid convoys leaving their main Adriatic coast warehouse in the Croatian town of Metkovic three miles away.

The spokesman said that the protection force now had evidence that regular Croatian army soldiers were crossing into Bosnia to aid Bosnian Croat forces. "I have no numbers and I cannot confirm whether the Croatians are advisers or combat troops," he said. The Croatian government has consistently denied that its troops are offering assistance to the Bosnian Croats.

Besieging Serb forces waved three UN fuel tankers into energy-starved Sarajevo yesterday after a two-week impasse that began when they seized a fourth tanker at gunpoint outside the city.

The 75 tonnes of diesel fuel will allow the Bosnian capital to reactivate the city bakery and the brewery water pump which had served residents since running water stopped weeks ago, as well as allowing vital equipment at the main hospital to be used.

The Belgian city of Antwerp, Europe's 1993 city of culture, wants Sarajevo to become its immediate successor. Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, is due to follow Antwerp as European cultural capital in March next year, but Eric Antonis, cultural director of Antwerp, said Sarajevo could be "squeezed in for a couple of months" early next year.

He said the idea had been proposed to European Community culture ministers in May by Hugo Weckx, the Flemish regional culture minister. "The appeal of Sarajevo as cultural capital will be stronger if Europe is behind it," Mr Antonis said, adding that security would be an important obstacle.

He said Sarajevo had been planning to organise its own "winter festival". Sarajevo artists often wrote touching letters to him, telling him they were trying to survive but would like to get the support of other artists.

Conflict spreads, page 1



Happy release: Danica Draskovic, who was photographed in *The Times* yesterday weeping for her husband, Vuk, hugs him in relief as he leaves hospital in Belgrade, weakened but still defiant. He was treated for a week for the effects of his ten-day hunger strike as well as injuries suffered at the hands of police. Mr Draskovic, leader of the Serbian opposition, said: "What happened to me and my wife has dispersed any illusion the Serbian regime may have fostered abroad."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abiola tries to ease out general

Lagos: Chief Moshood Abiola, Nigeria's undeclared president-elect, has begun secret talks with President Babangida, the country's military leader, to try to persuade him to resign and so avoid a clash that diplomats and Nigerians agree could lead to bloody conflict (Sam Kiley writes).

Close aides said yesterday that Chief Abiola's main task was to "massage Babangida out of office" by boosting his confidence and undermining the influence of the military hardliners surrounding him.

But if General Babangida proceeds with plans for fresh elections, diplomats in Lagos said, he could be forced out of office by middle-ranking army officers, many of whom voted for Chief Abiola. "Already they have been showing signs of being very much against the president, if only because they feel they have not been given enough of the spoils of government by more senior officers," one diplomat said.

Citizenship call by peer

London: Lady Dunn, a lone Hong Kong peer in the Lords, appealed to Britain to grant full British citizenship to the 7,000 non-Chinese residents in the colony who may be left stateless after Peking's takeover of Hong Kong (Michael Binyon writes).

She also gave a warning that the government appeared to be reneging on a promise, made when Hong Kong Chinese were offered British National (Overseas) passports without the right of abode, that it would allow them entry into Britain if conditions became intolerable for them in Hong Kong after 1997.

March is off

Islamabad: Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's opposition leader, called off a march by thousands of supporters aimed at toppling the prime minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif, saying her demands on elections had been met. *(Reuter)*

Tyson sued

Indianapolis: *Five days before the deadline,* Noemi McKenzie, a fellow beauty contestant with Desiree Washington, who was raped by Mike Tyson, has filed suit for battery against the former *heavyweight champion. (AP)*

Holiday snaps

Tiberias: A crocodile hunt was launched after sightings of at least one of the 5ft reptiles in the Sea of Galilee, a popular bathing spot for holiday-makers. There are crocodile farms and a zoo nearby. *(AFP)*

Hurd and Kinkel disagree on Croatia embargo

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BRITAINnd Germany yesterday fad to resolve their differencover whether sanctions shol now be imposed on CroatiKlaus Kinkel, the German eign minister, insisted aft a day's talks in London h Douglas Hurd, the foreis secretary, that it was still t the right time to take suchmeasures against the Zagrgovernment.

Mr Hu, however, said the time waspidly approaching for Croa to be given a warning at it could not continue ith its present behaviour Bosnia.

The iss will also be discussed onMonday at a meeting of Eupean Community foreign nisters in Brussels. They arlikely to agree to inform reb that Croatia should pull out of the fighting in Bosnia or face sanctions of the kind that are now being applied to Serbia.

Croatia's ever-deepening involvement in the fighting was one of the main themes of the second Anglo-German ambassadors' meeting yesterday, ostensibly called to discuss transatlantic relations. Herr Kinkel said he had warned the Croatian foreign minister in Bonn on Tuesday that the Community would watch Croatian behaviour extremely closely. Bonn would also watch Croatia's negotiating stance at Geneva.

Mr Hurd, who suggested in the House of Commons earlier this week that it no longer made sense to enforce an embargo against Serbia while allowing Croatia to continue to benefit from EC trade privileges, reiterated yesterday that the Community could not continue its economic relations with Zagreb unless things changed. "It is right to put them on a warning. If what the German foreign minister said could be enforced, then it would have a useful effect."

At Monday's EC meeting the ministers are likely to decide only on threatening sanctions against Croatia. They will probably dispatch their current chairman, Willy Claes, the Belgian foreign minister, to Zagreb to warn the government that its EC trade concessions will be withdrawn. However, Britain wants a decision on a date for curbs to be enforced if Croatia ignored the threat.

But Germany, host country to at least 300,000 Croat guest workers, remains unwilling to take action against the state whose recognition it pressed for diligently 18 months ago. "I think that the Germans accept that this is something we will have to contemplate," a British official said in Brussels yesterday.

Herr Kinkel and Mr Hurd yesterday also discussed the Somalia situation. Herr Kinkel said Italy had understandable problems and would now be reviewing its role. But neither man would voice open criticism of the US-led operations to hunt down General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord.

Asked about future German permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council, Mr Hurd said the debate was now under way but would take time to resolve. He said that any permanent member needed to be able to play a full role in peacekeeping operations. Britain respected the current German debate on this but was unable to influence the outcome.

However, Mr Hurd said all UN operations were now being hampered by the failure of the two largest security council members — America and Russia — to pay thier dues. Germany, after a slight delay, was ready to pay its entire share soon. Britain had an unblemished record and had paid its full share on time.

Maglaj on point of falling to besiegers

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

BESIEGING Serb forces around Maglaj, central Bosnia, seem certain to take the town within days, according to refugees fleeing the fighting. They report that only three days' supply of food remains and the town is under heavy bombardment, leaving its Bosnian defenders with no choice but to break out or capitulate.

Three weeks of fighting in the region have left Bosnian government troops confined to a few isolated areas, including Maglaj and Tesanj, while victorious Serb and Croat units reap the rewards of their newfound alliance. The fall of Maglaj could displace its estimated 10,000 population south to Zenica, already overburdened with refugees. So far between 5,000 and 8,000 Muslims from villages surrounding the town are believed to be moving south through the mountains.

Bosnian military sources in Zenica claim to have destroyed up to four Serb tanks with a wire-guided missile supplied by Croats before they allied themselves with the Serbs. Fired from high ground above the new front line around Zepce, the weapon, they say, has deterred further Serb tank advances.

The United Nations is not present in the area and is unable to corroborate details of the fighting.

UN offers Saddam oil inentive

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ROLF Ekus, the leading United Natiarms envoy, began talks in ghdad last night in a final ort to defuse the crisis ovmonitoring missile sites thstill threatens to provoke ish allied military attacks ainst Iraq.

Beforeaving Bahrain, Mr Ekeus sa he would hold out the incenve of an end to the sanctionhat have been in place forearly three years to try to co President Saddam Hussein comply with the UN Gulfar ceasefire resolutions he s regularly flouted. "The mar carrot is the ongoing sctions and the oil embargc said Mr Ekeus, executivchairman of the UN Special Commission, who was accompaed by four other UN offics. He is expected to spend a v days in the Iraqi capital bre reporting back to the UIn New York.

"I hopnat we will have the possibili of bridging the differenc that exist between the [comssion] and the Iraqi governmt," he said on arrival in Bagdad.

The lat stand-off began a week agwhen Iraq refused a UN demd to allow the scaling sf missile-testing equipmenear Baghdad. The UN has so ordered Iraq to allow inectors to place monitoring cieras at the sites or risk retation.

One psibility under consideratio by the allies is destructi of the test sites if Iraq contues to defy the security uncil instructions. Presidenlinton, Al Gore, his vice-presint, and Warren Christopr, the US Secretary of State, ve all indicated that fresh mitary action may be necessar

Husain's warning to West

Iraq raids 'will only anger Arabs'

BY MICHAEL BINYON

KING Husain of Jordan gave a strong warning yesterday that any further air attack on Baghdad would only provoke the Arab world's anger since it would not hurt the Iraqi leadership but the people, who had suffered enough.

He also said Jordan was ready to sign a peace agreement with Israel, but had refrained from doing so because the Palestinians had still not completed negotiations on an interim self-government. King Husain said the West should not equate Islam with extremism or let the actions arising from the despair, anger and ignorance of a few create an enemy image for one of the great monotheistic religions.

His outspoken remarks, delivered during his lecture to the Royal United Services Institute, included some of the most direct criticism he has made of President Saddam Hussein. Without naming the Iraqi leader, the king said he hoped for a return to democracy and human rights in Iraq as soon as possible.

He denounced the Iraqi leadership for denying its people any chance to discuss the Iran-Iraq war and the invasion of Kuwait. What, he asked, had Iraq gained from eight years of war with Iran? Why had it suffered so much destruction and so many losses? "Obviously this would bring about the question of responsibility. This process has been denied to the people of Iraq so far."



Husain: ready for a peace deal with Israel

Much had been said about the threats to the region from outside, but the problem was within. "Only the Iraqis can resolve the problem," he added. "Eventually things will change, and the change will come by the will of the Iraqi people, a people enjoying their rights and freedoms."

Looking weary and showing his age after cancer treatment last year and a recent heart check-up, the king said Jordan would hold parliamentary elections later this year. The foundations for pluralism, freedom and the respect for human rights had already been laid in his country. He hoped the example would influence others in the region.

Although sympathy for Saddam is still widespread in Jordan, King Husain has become increasingly outspoken about the Iraqi leader. Yesterday he insisted that Jordan did not know in advance of the invasion of Kuwait, condemned it unreservedly and said the kingdom had done its best to ensure withdrawal by peaceful means. He appeared hurt by the hostility of the Gulf states, but said relations were now improving, and that history would exonerate Jordan.

On the Middle East peace negotiations, the king indicated that he was ready to sign a treaty at any time, but refrained from ratification because he hoped to see progress in the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Israeli anti-missile plans in deep trouble

FROM RICHARD BERSTON IN JERUSALEM

WHEN 49 Iraqi Scud missiles rained down on Israeli cities during the Gulf war, the country's military chiefs vowed to build a defence system that would shield the Jewish state from ballistic weapons attacks.

More than two years later, however, the future of the much heralded Arrow anti-missile system is in doubt after a series of failed test flights, delayed timetables and spiralling costs, not to mention the sacking of the project manager for taking bribes. In the latest setback this week, the missile's sixth test at sea had to be aborted after the "target missile", which was supposed to be intercepted and destroyed by an Arrow prototype, went out of control.

Reports in Israel suggest that the failure could be the beginning of the end for the missile system. The Americans have already committed more than £200 million to the project, more than 70 per cent of the development costs, in addition to an annual £1 billion military aid package to Israel.

There are signs of impatience in Washington, however, particularly when the Pentagon is reducing its own budget. Senator Robert Byrd, the chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, has described US military aid to Israel as "already too burdensome".

The failure has also triggered a debate in Israel, which faces a growing ballistic missile threat from countries such as Iran, Syria and Algeria. Military planners realise that the country cannot afford such an expensive missile system without continued American assistance.

Although there are doubts about the project, most of the Israeli military probably support the position of a retired air force officer, Brigadier General Oded Erez, who argued that the Jewish state had no choice but to stick with the project.

"There are a lot of weapons ... in this unstable region and in irresponsible hands. Responsible countries will have to find a way to protect themselves."

Army trials for Islamic 'militants'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

NEARLY 800 suspected Islamic militants have been referred to military courts for a series of mass trials in the coming weeks as the Egypt intensifies its struggle to defeat fundamentalists.

In order to aid the clampdown President Mubarak has sanctioned the third increase in salary for soldiers in the armed forces since the beginning of the year, according to *Mao*, the magazine of the ruling National Democratic Party. The pay rise was seen by diplomats as a crude attempt to buy the continuing loyalty of the army.

It was announced that in addition to the 770 men about to face trial on charges of forming an illegal organisation to carry out bomb attacks and assassinate public figures, police were interrogating a further 110 militants arrested in a security sweep near Cairo during the past four days. A semi-official Cairo paper, *al-Ahram*, reported yesterday that the execution of a further five militants was imminent.

The five who face death by hanging were all convicted of the attempted assassination earlier this year of Safwat el-Sherif, the minister of information, and have had their appeals turned down. Nine more Islamic militants have been hanged since the new clampdown against extremists was ordered, including seven on one day last week.

The trials are going ahead despite widespread criticism from Egyptian lawyers and international human rights groups on the new use of military courts to try civilians.

Bosnia: when, if ever, will the new Crusade stop?

A World Conference in London on November 12, 13 & 14, 1993.

The Balkans have been a battlefield of two great civilisations. A new phase of the old struggle has begun. We have seen a glimpse of the methods the West and its surrogates will use against Islam. Where will the axe fall next?

What can Muslims do about it? The failure of Muslim States, organisations and Islamic movements to mount a credible response to a world crisis is in itself a major issue for discussion. The Muslim Parliament debated Bosnia on June 19 and asked the Leader, Dr Kalim Siddiqui, to call a world conference.

We invite *ulama*, academics, specialists, activists and students from all parts of the world to participate. Those interested should first write requesting a conference paper and a formal invitation.



Dr Kalim Siddiqui

The Muslim Parliament is also looking for conference sponsors. Donations may be sent to The Muslim Parliament *(Bosnia Account No. 0540580)* Lloyds Bank Plc, (30-96-48), 84 Park Lane, London W1Y 4BX or direct to us.

The Muslim Parliament
6 Endsleigh Street
London WC1H 0DS.

An artistic licence to kill

Did a father, jealous of his own son's genius, murder one of America's most brilliant painters? Ben Macintyre on new evidence about the life and horribly slow death of Raphaelle Peale



Murder victim: Raphaelle Peale painted by his killer, his father Charles, in The Staircase Group

Charles Willson Peale was one of the founding fathers of American painting, a renaissance man, friend of Thomas Jefferson, an inventor, naturalist, scientist and portrait painter of renown: his eldest son, Raphaelle, was the most brilliant still-life painter America has ever produced.

So brilliant, say two American scholars in a new study, that Charles Peale, in an act of murderous rivalry, allowed his son to poison himself gradually and then stood by as he died.

The traditional account of Raphaelle Peale's demise is that he drank himself into the grave in 1825 at the age of 51. Charles Peale outlived him by barely a year. That orthodoxy has now been challenged by Phoebe Lloyd, a professor of art history at the American Philosophical Library in Philadelphia, and Gordon Bendersky, a clinical professor of medicine at Hahnemann University, who claim that Charles Peale taught his son to use the chemicals which eventually killed him, that the elder Peale knew the effects of those chemicals, and that he had even invented an antidote which he concealed.

> The very coincidence of their interests may have stoked their deep rivalry

At best, say the authors in a forthcoming article in the journal *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, Charles Peale "demonstrated extreme negligence towards another human life"; at worst, he killed his supremely talented son.Peale was, among many other things, an inspired taxidermist who invented a technique for preserving stuffed animals using arsenic and mercury.

In Philadelphia in 1786, Peale opened the first natural history museum in America. From his autobiography and letters it seems clear that he was aware of the dangerous, potentially fatal effects of working with these highly-toxic chemicals. When he began suffering the initial stages of arsenic poisoning himself, the elder Peale invented what Dr Bendersky says was at least a partial antidote, made from sulphur, iron and milk.

Charles Peale stopped working with the lethal preservatives, yet he encouraged Raphaelle to continue his taxidermy work, and never told him about the antidote despite offering quantities of medical and moral advice to his son, whose health began to deteriorate rapidly after about 1815.

Ms Lloyd and Dr Bendersky say that the symptoms which plagued Raphaelle Peale, and eventually killed him, are consistent with massive and prolonged mercury and arsenic poisoning. When Raphaelle began to suffer delirium tremens, insomnia, fainting and a loss of appetite, hair and teeth (all characteristics of chemical poisoning), his father put it down to his son's debauchery. In 1818, he told him: "If you feel disease, do you not know you are deserving of pain?"

From this, and other disparaging remarks made by Charles Peale, the authors have concluded the father was pathologically envious of his talented son. During Raphaelle's lifetime, while he was dying and in the year after his death, Charles Peale continued to demean his eldest son and insist that his poor health was the result of a corrupt, philandering lifestyle.

According to Ms Lloyd and Dr Bendersky, however, Raphaelle's prodigious intake of booze was medicinal, since alcohol was the only way to alleviate his tremors.

"Charles Peale's letters suggest great hostility, with continual references to Raphaelle as an alcoholic and derelict," Dr Bendersky says. "He knew the chemicals were dangerous, but he never warned him about them."

Although of starkly different temperaments, father and son seem to have shared the almost baffling array of interests enjoyed by intellectual men of the age.

For an exhibition of the younger Peale's still-lifes in Washington, Nicolai Cikovsky, the museum curator, wrote: "He shared, sometimes as a collaborator, his father's range of scientific and mechanical interests, writing papers on stoves and fireplaces, carriage wheels and lightening rods, patenting a process for preserving ships' bottoms . . . and publishing a theory of the universe."

But the very coincidence of their interests may have stoked an intergenerational rivalry. Father and son were very different, their disagreements many and deep.

Charles Peale lived in England for several years and studied his art under Benjamin West before going on to become one of the most famous American artists of his day. He painted several celebrated portraits of George Washington and other leading figures of the American Revolution, but he also found time to be a soldier (he fought with Washington at the Battle of Princeton), a poet, a palaeontologist, a gardener and a zoologist; his inventions included porcelain false teeth (though not in time for Washington to make use of them) and a bizarre-looking bicycle.

He sired 17 children — Titian, Rubens, Rembrandt, Linneaus, Franklin and so on. But Raphaelle was the eldest and the most likely to excite the wrath, to judge from the letters, of his domineering and demanding father.

To Charles Peale, his son was a gifted wastrel, lazy, plaintive and drunk, more interested in still-life paintings and miniatures than the heroic medium of portraiture.

But some art historians maintain that Charles Peale, while often at odds with his son, was no killer. Lillian Miller, the editor of the Peale family papers, concedes that Raphaelle might have died of arsenic and mercury poisoning, but insists that there is no proof that the elder Peale knew he was indirectly responsible for his son's death. The attack by Ms Lloyd and Dr Bendersky on Charles Peale, she told *The New York Times*, is "a distortion of the historical record".

By the time he finally died in 1825, the handsome and quixotic Raphaelle Peale was in permanent pain, his marriage and finances in ruins. Reliant on his irascible father for handouts, he was reduced to writing simple verse for money to buy the liquor he craved. On the day he died, he had just presented some comic couplets to a Philadelphia sweetshop owner in exchange for a few cents.

"He said it seemed hard that art was at so low an ebb that an artist was obliged to write doggerel for his bread and butter," his nephew recalled. Today, Raphaelle Peale's paintings sell for millions; at the height of his creativity he sold them for just $15 apiece.

Due to his chronic infirmity, Raphaelle Peale was often physically unable to paint. Only about 70 of his paintings still survive, and they include some of the most perfect examples of the still-life form, serene and exquisite works which seldom betrayed the pain and anguish of their maker.

Charles Peale was an accomplished painter with a superbly eclectic mind; but Raphaelle Peale was a genius. If the scholars are right, it was this distinction which led to the untimely death of one of America's greatest artists.

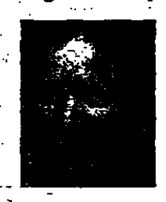
When adopting, only one thing maers

Try taking this to heart

ANTICIPATING an outbreak of tut-tutting to accompany last night's screening of *The Leaving of Liverpool* — the Australian docu-drama about the thousands of British children who were shipped off to Australia in the fifties — I looked up newspaper cuttings to see what people felt at the time about the policy of sending deprived and orphaned children to bolster the white colonial populations.

I found little, probably because it was a long-standing policy and not much questioned. What did turn up, though, was a fearful row about allowing British babies to be adopted abroad. For Mrs Bottomley's team now reviewing the arrangements for British couples adopting children from abroad, it provides much food for thought.

Finding herself infertile, the busty Hollywood star Jane Russell put it about that she was looking for children to adopt. This was 1951, and offers of babies came in from all over war-battered Europe. But Florence Kavanagh, wife of a cockney Irish carpenter, was determined that her baby Tommy would be the chosen one. She tracked Russell down at the Dorchester, was momentarily dazed by finding her reclining on a luxurious bed, straight out of a film set, and thrust young Tommy into her arms. Russell realised that legal problems loomed but, as she said, "When someone hands you a baby, kiddo, you don't just drop it".



MARGOT NORMAN

A helpful official at the Irish Embassy procured an Irish passport for the baby, the legal obstacles to taking Tommy out of the country were thereby circumvented, Florrie Kavanagh announced that she didn't care what the neighbours said, her Tommy had been given a chance in a million, and Colonel Marcus Lipton MP went ballistic. As far as he was concerned, it was absolutely splendid to people the colonies with British orphans but iniquitous to allow a wealthy foreigner to take a British baby away.

The law said British babies could only be adopted abroad by relatives or other British subjects, and here was a dastardly Irish official opening up the repugnant prospect of an export trade in British babies. Unthinkable! Never mind that Florrie had turned down British couples who wanted her baby, and was dead set on giving him to her screen idol. Her wishes were immaterial. A British baby's place was in a British family, or even in a British colonial institution, but never with a foreigner. Especially not, I suspect, with a foreigner whose country, once a British colony, was now wealthy enough to condescendh this way. What was at stz here was not the interests young Tommy, but nationalamour propre.

Attitudes have chand, but are we talking about ogress (in which I don't beive) or about fashion (in whic1 do)? Having heard more fr those who, transported to Cada or Australia as children, al that the move blighted th lives than from those who gw up to be contented millionairor just people with the averagenta of hang-ups, we now jge the transportation policy have been iniquitous.

As for the question of opting foreign babies, it spends whether you're impong or exporting. Jane Russellent on to adopt other children d then, in 1956, she up an agency calh Waif with LorettaYoung and June Ason to help Americs adopt handicappechd foreign childre Now 72, she is uersally respected in t States for her cmuing work with W. Seen from there, he's a good Cistian woman rescig poor little foreign mites.

These days, adoptiongencies bend over backwards take into account the wishof the Florrie Kavanaghs o are giving up their babies : adoption. They also spend lot of time helping grown-uniopted children trace their bil families, and positively eurage adopters to inform ildren about their real pars. Yet Jane Russell initially id she couldn't possibly adoptommy because she had met hisother. "It would never do," e said. "Parents must neve know where their baby has ge." In the end, it did do, d Ms Russell and Mrs Kanagh maintained contact.

I RECKON the only breakable rule for successful option is that a child shoulgo to parents who will g him unconditional love un death do them part. Any otherule is just fashion.

Of course hereditarymatters and blood will out. As tworldwide Human Genome oject is already telling us, andrill tell us with progressively ire conviction as it disentang more genetic informatio the behaviourists' day is de. The fashion for attributinall to nurture and little to nare was just that, a fashion. Bwhich counts for more, youinnate Britishness, Americnness, Romanianness, Jamanness or Pakistaniness, or ei your blackness or whiteness; those elements of your U-rs that derive specifically fromum, dad and Auntie Glad?

FOR STAYS UNTIL 16TH AUGUST



FORTE HOTELS

Where should you look for a 5-Night Summer Holiday at a delightful hotel?

These are some of the great value Forte hotels you can choose from...

£129-£169

The Swan (£169),† Alton. The Crown (£149),† Bawtry. Forte Crest (£129), Belfast. Forte Crest (£159),† Cardiff. The George (£129),† Crawley. The Phoenix Hotel (£169),† Dereham. The Imperial (£159), Exmouth/Barnstaple. The Carrick Hotel (£129),† Glasgow. The Seasons Hotel (£169),† Great Dunmow. St. James Hotel (£129),† Grimsby. Manor House Hotel (£169), Leamington Spa. The Gladstone Hotel (£129),† Liverpool. Regent Palace Hotel* (£139), London. Forte Crest (£159), Milton Keynes. Glyll Manor Hotel (£169),† Ripon. The Royal Hotel (£129), Scunthorpe. Grosvenor House Hotel (£140), Sheffield. The Dolphin (£169),† Southampton. Forte Crest (£140),† Swindon. Goddard's Hotel (£129),† Swindon. The County (£169),† Taunton. The Homestead Court Hotel (£139),† Welwyn Garden City.

£175

Forte Posthouse, Basingstoke. Forte Crest,† Bridgwater. Forte Posthouse, Colchester. Forte Posthouse, Fareham. Forte Posthouse, Heydock. Forte Posthouse, Ipswich. Forte Posthouse, Luton. Forte Posthouse, Runcorn. The Prince of Wales,† Southport. Forte Posthouse, Teesside. Forte Crest, Winchester.

£179-£189

The Brandon Hall (£179), Brandon/Warwickshire. The Roebuck (£189),† Buckhurst Hill. Hotel de la Bere (£199), Cheltenham. Blossoms Hotel (£189),† Chester. The White House Hotel (£179),† Docking. Forte Crest (£189),† Farnborough. Forte Crest (£189), Guildford. The Green Dragon (£179), Hereford. The Royal (£189), Llangollen. The Strand Palace (£189), London. The Blue Boar (£179), Maldon. The Castle & Ball (£189), Marlborough. The Talbot (£189),† Oundle/Stamford. The White Hart (£189),† Salisbury. The Crown Hotel (£179),† Scarborough. The Saracen's Head (£179), Southwell. The Bedford (£179),† Tavistock.

£199-£219

The Upper Reaches (£219), Abingdon. The Beverley Arms (£199),† Beverley. The Castle (£219),† Conwy. The Majestic (£219), Harrogate. The Golden Lion (£209), Northallerton. The White Horse (£199), Romney. The Royal (£219), Ross-on-Wye. The Thames Lodge (£209), Staines.

£229-£249

The Imperial Hotel (£249),† Blackpool. The White Hart (£229),† Lincoln. The Bull (£249),† Long Melford. Eastgate Hotel (£249), Oxford.

£257-£350

The Bayleaf (£289),† Ascot. The Speech House (£269), Forest of Dean. The Swan (£299), Grasmere. The Black Swan (£299), Helmsley. The Swan Hotel (£269),† Lavenham. Hotel Russell (£279), London. The Cumberland Hotel (£257),† London. The Randolph (£349),† Oxford. Rosscks Hotel (£309),† St. Andrews. The Shakespeare (£279),† Stratford-upon-Avon. Leeming House Hotel (£359), Ullswater. The Belsfield (£269), Windermere. The Old England (£299),† Windermere.

5 NIGHTS FROM £129

PER PERSON INCLUDING FULL BREAKFAST AND DINNER

LOOK WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 5 nights in a twin or double room with private bathroom, based on 2 people sharing.
- Colour TV. • VAT at 17½%.
- Tea/coffee making facilities.
- Full traditional breakfast.
- 3-Course table d'hote dinner or 2 courses from the full restaurant menu at Forte Posthouse.
- Single occupancy is available at hotels marked †.

BOOK YOUR 5-NIGHT SUMMER HOLIDAY ON

0345 40 40 40

QUOTING REFERENCE NO. G103007

or see your local travel agent.

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY 19TH JULY 1993.

For Delightful Summer Days FORTE HOTELS

All hotel bookings subject to availability with a limited number of rooms available at these promotional rates. All details correct at time of publication. All prices are per adult on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis for 5 consecutive nights in a twin or double room only. *Private bathrooms are not available at the Regent Palace Hotel. Tea and coffee making facilities should be checked at time of making reservation. Stays must be completed by 31st August. Offer only valid on hotels listed above and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Bookings must be made by 19th July 1993

A marriage makes hard news

Tess Stimson, glamorous novelist, talks about her fiancé, Brent Sadler, and the links between fact and fiction



IAN WELLER

Happy ever after: Tess Stimson has captured her television hero

In a luxury suite of a top London hotel, a glamorous young blonde is muzzling in the arms of her fiancé, a sleepy-eyed war correspondent from a major news network. Her diamond and sapphire engagement ring flashes under the lights as a bevy of photographers, make-up artists and publicists bustle around the adoring couple.

Tomorrow, Tess is marrying Brent Sadler, the award-winning one-time Middle East correspondent of ITN, now with CNN, the American news network. The wedding will take place in Worth Abbey in West Sussex, despite the fact that it is 42-year-old Brent's third. It will be Tess's 27th birthday and the second anniversary of their first meeting.

Tess and Brent are photogenic, rich and madly in love. Within six weeks of meeting him, Tess packed in a promising career as a scriptwriter with ITN, to follow him to Cyprus. He proposed to her by satellite telephone, minutes after his hotel in Baghdad was hit by a missile in January. A newspaper recently showed the happy couple wearing nothing but lipstick, blusher, foundation and mascara, drinking champagne in their whirlpool bath like a couple in an airport novel.

In fact, they sound remarkably like Christie Bradley and David Cameron, the main characters in Tess's bestselling blockbuster, *Hard News*. David is a top war correspondent, "a vulnerable mix of professional success and personal unhappiness. He has survived bullets and bombs, but not yet met the right woman . . .". Christie is "fiercely independent, devastatingly attractive".

Tess happily admits that David equals Brent. "I had to make my hero like Brent: lovable and vulnerable. But I am not Christie. She is much more independent than I am. I put Brent before my job."

Since its publication two months ago, *Hard News* has sold 100,000 copies, largely, perhaps, because of the relentless sex scenes, which include two lesbian, one homosexual and one under-age encounter, as well as the standard brush with an inanimate object. Other copies have been snapped up by journalists, fascinated by its thinly disguised and, in some cases, real-life portraits of the main players in the world of television.

There has been much sniggering at the book's copious references to the real Brent, from the gushing, "Brent my hero", to the heavy-handed "I'm damned sure the US wouldn't have intervened in Somalia if it hadn't been for Brent Sadler's documentary on CNN".

Do not imagine that Tess is a starry-eyed pushover. She is besotted but she is tougher and smarter than the bleached-blonde image implies. She is well-spoken and has an English degree from Oxford.

Although her man comes first, her career is by no means over. "When I met Brent I was unhappy with ITN and was gathering my courage to take the plunge and start writing a book. So I was happy to go off with Brent and pursue my new career simultaneously."

It is not long, however, before she launches back into Mills & Boonery. "When we saw each other it was a *coup de foudre*," she says. "We went out for dinner a few days later and Brent gave me his signet ring to make do until he could buy a proper one. Then we went away for a weekend. When we came back we were assigned to Beirut. Eight weeks after we met, we set up home. There was no choice. It was meant to be."

The couple moved in together less than a week after Brent announced that his relationship with Debby, his second wife, was over. The two women, who look remarkably alike, have since been involved in bitter public slanging. Debby cited Tess as co-respondent in the divorce. Tess described Debby as "irrelevant. Just one more bill on our list."

Even now, Tess's dislike is plain. "The last time she hit out was the week her father died and in that situation I would have better things to do. We live abroad and are removed from a lot of what she says. But I still wish she'd leave us alone."

With two failed marriages behind Brent, Tess might well be apprehensive. She makes it clear she has no intention of leaving him open the temptations her novel graphically describes.

Over the past two years she has followed him everywhere from Somalia to Iraq, writing *Hard News* on a laptop computer. "Brent has learnt the hard way what it means to put your job before your marriage and I have no intention of letting him be alone. Even if I had children they would not stop me traveling with my husband."

You can only hope that blinding adoration combined with razor-sharp practicality will produce the happy ending a romantic novelist deserves.

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

Mark Tully, the BBC's voice in India, explains the belief that moved him to launch his attack on his boss

'A huge amount of the sense of fear is to do with the use of John Birt's name'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



KIM SCOTT CLARK/NEWS TEAM

In the old style: a man more used to reporting the news than making it, Mark Tully says that he never expected such a fuss



THE assassination of prime ministers, the slaughter of Sikhs, the burning of mosques: we have heard the worst of man's atrocities from the pukka voice of Mark Tully. But nothing he has reported from India in recent years has had quite the impact of his blast this week against John Birt in Birmingham.

Birt vs Tully was a picturesque confrontation: the northern engineer vs the son of the Raj; modern efficiency vs veteran experience; commercial profitability vs "dreams of golden days" in Birt's words, "when all was creativity and romance".

Like politicians, they were pictured smiling together in the foyer. As Birt pointed out, Tully was a "gracious" host to him in Delhi last year. Tully took the D-G ("a most accommodating guest") to visit the imam of the largest mosque in Delhi, and they had the kind of long, relaxed conversations that all BBC chaps have chez Tully when passing through India, far from the hurly-burly of Broadcasting House. *That has given him, he says, a valid perspective* on the goings-on at home.

"Actually", he says, "I think John Birt is a very good listener. We had a very happy time together." And Birt's response to his speech was "very decent," with no attempt to discredit me, apart from that reference to 'old BBC soldiers, sniping at us with their muskets' ".

But the disgruntlements he voiced were given an almost embarrassing amount of airtime on Tuesday — almost half *The World at One* devoted to examining his criticisms — and it must be said that his speech yielded more heartfelt cheers than *the prolonged but* essentially polite applause accorded to Birt the next day. This may, of course, just reflect what happens in any organisation whenever a new man comes in with a mandate for upheaval, but no idea of how to present it humanely.

He had not expected such a fuss, Tully said, striding — a tall, distinctive figure with high domed forehead like John Cleese — across the pedestrian precinct in search of tobacco *for his pipe*. "Not been knee-capped yet?" was the greeting of Johnny Beerling, recently ousted chief of Radio 1, as he passed.

His speech attracted such respect because among foreign correspondents the name of Tully is always prefixed with *"the distinguished"*. Disentangling, with clarity and integrity, the Byzantine coils of Indian politics makes him admired at home and revered in India, the land of his birth.

Raised under the Raj, one of six children of a box-wallah, he has the voice and manner of that era, patrician and courteous. This lends authority from a rostrum, but is modest to the point of inaudibility in a noisy pub, where he *drinks a Guinness* out of loyalty to one of his sons who works for Guinness, and puffs amiably on his pipe. When in Delhi he wears the kurta. *"The Times* described me as being swathed in cheroot smoke and chewing on 'vile' paan — which is actually a rather tasty concoction of betel nut and lime, and very good for your digestion."

HE IS accompanied *everywhere* by a slight, fair young *woman named Gillian* Wright, who wears Indian trousers and shares his house in Delhi. His wife remains in London. "We are not divorced: I don't want to be divorced and nor does my wife. I'm very fond of her, and stay with her whenever I'm in London. I'm very committed to my family [two sons, two daughters, one grandson] and extremely fond of and equally committed to Gilly. It's an odd matrimonial arrangement," he muses, "but after more than ten years, it seems to work."

It was his doubts about his own "moral stability" that *made him give up* the idea of being a clergyman. At Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he read history and theology under the admired tutelage of the dean, Robert Runcie. "As he would tell you, I was not a very active student. I spent most of my time drinking beer and being confused about Christianity.

"After two terms at my theological college, I decided I was not morally fit. I never doubted the existence of God, but I doubted that I would be able to live up to the very high moral standard required. I had, and still have, a very deep affection for the Anglican Church. I did not want to be someone who disgraced it in any way, and I thought I might. I was a tearaway," he laughs. "Yes, drink, and women, and some song, late at night. I was a very boozy undergraduate." He blames being institutionalised from age four at school in India, followed by Marlborough and the army: Cambridge was his first taste of real freedom.

His first year at the BBC, in *the personnel department*, was "one of the most loathsome years of my life: sitting on appointments boards, feeling completely spare". He knew nothing about broadcasting; but when he saw on the noticeboard that they needed a man in Delhi, he applied. "They asked me if I spoke Indian languages, and I said I could sing 'Little Miss Muffet' in Hindi. They found this either honest or funny and gave me the job.

"As soon as I stood on the verandah of Claridge's Hotel in Delhi, I felt I had come home. I could smell the food being cooked, and the whole of my childhood seemed to shoot through me like an electric train. I've always been carried through life by following my fate. And my obsession ever since has been with India. That has been a love as satisfying as if I had been ordained. I have always said, and it is true, that India and not journalism is my first love. I am fond of my job, but I am *obsessed* with India."

He quotes James Cameron's "Every time I put my paper into the typewriter I feel, this time I'm going to be found out". He is an eye-witness observer in the Cameron mould. When a *Today* presenter says "Mark, tell us, what's going on?" what follows is full of insight and courage.

And yet, after nearly 30 years in harness, the recent negotiations over his contract with the BBC have been fraught with muddle, delay and inefficiency — a significant factor in his decision to speak out this week. At 57, he had decided that he did not *wish to go on doing daily news* stories, to wake up every morning and have to consider the political unrest in Pakistan. He would rather concentrate on longer features.

The negotiations were disagreeable. "There was no financial argument," he says. "I never argue or worry about money. It was simply this question of what was to be my status: was I to be a total freelancer? or involved with the BBC? I cannot represent the BBC to the Indian government if I don't have some form of status. And although I may be fairly easy-going I am not, *at this stage of my life, going to* work *under* someone else. I think that is a perfectly reasonable thing to say. I told them, they were trying to square a circle.

"I could easily have written to John Birt and said 'remember when you came to Delhi' etc . . . but I was determined to do this in the proper way. And it proved a salutary lesson. It has left a scar on me, I admit. It was one of the things that made me realise that there were things that were badly wrong within the BBC."

As things stand, he remains the South Asia correspondent of the BBC, along with a new man, David Loyn. The BBC will look for new office premises, instead of operating from Tully's amiably chaotic-sounding home with its retinue of devoted, multi-caste servants. "I have real doubts about how it's going to work", he says, "but I'm going to try and make it work."

Why, he wonders, are all BBC communications from on high "so highly structured, so *chillingly formalised* and systematised? They are not natural forms of communication. They remind me of the Congress Party in India." He has an instinctive feeling that "the old talk among people" no longer goes on.

"You can tell by the number of people who ask to remain anonymous when being quoted. The atmosphere is fearful. And a huge amount of this sense of fear is to do with the use of the name of 'John Birt'. *Someone says 'Your* friend and my friend John Birt wants this' and that closes the argument. There is a dictatorial *style about it.*"

After his speech, he met Liz Forgan, whose appointment as managing director of BBC radio he had criticised. "She told me I've got a wrong perception of John Birt. I said, that may be so, but perceptions are facts in people's minds. And it is up to you to remove that. If they believe the perceptions are wrong, then they themselves must go out and communicate the right ones. She was upset that I said *the staff saw her as 'not a radio* person'. Now I have met her and I found her impressive, an excellent communicator. But it *is up to her to communicate* her commitment to the staff. There is no point in saying, 'Oh but we've done that'. It hasn't worked.

"I don't think Birt got down to the real nub of the state of staff morale, except when he admitted that the results of the BBC survey of its own staff are not going to be 'comfortable' for the management. He could have said something along the lines of David Hatch [now an advisor to Birt] who said 'yes, I know there is a lot of pain, and we *must address ourselves to* alleviating it'. I think John Birt's message is, 'Sorry, these are very rough times and we've just got to smash through with it'. You have to carry the staff with you."

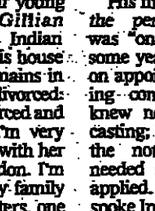
Tully punctuates his conversation with self-deprecatory references to being an old fogey. When he says "I don't believe in abrupt breaks and revolutions" and mentions what Beeching did to the railways, one can hear a preecho of Birt's reference to Canute. Tully insists he is not resistant to all change, but what irks him (and those who surrounded him in Birmingham, confiding their agreement) is the manner of the change. It is just not old BBC-style.

> The old BBC was a jolly place, full of camaraderie; *the new world* is tougher and colder

AND IT was old BBC-style that gave him the reverence he has for it, based on the high *international* regard the World Service has always enjoyed. "As with so many things where Britain was once the best, the BBC was the bench-mark among programme-makers. I think that behoves a cautious attitude towards change."

The truth is best encapsulated in Tully's comment after Birt's speech: "Too much nuts and bolts, not enough heart and soul." The BBC in the old days probably was fairly *shambolic — but it was a jolly* place to work, full of convivial camaraderie, ill-paid yet extravagant, like old Fleet Street. *That has gone too. The new* world is more competitive, productive and profitable: but also tougher, harder and colder.

My dirty weekend dream



RACHEL KELLY

The hotel, of mellowing reddish-brick smothered in rambling old-fashioned roses, is set in a hidden valley. There are a handful of red setters who greet you like a long lost poor relation. The half-dozen bedrooms are well-proportioned and quietly decorated with rather bad watercolours of Scottish lochs by a great aunt; the bathrooms (with ceramic, not plastic baths and loos that use more than EC regulation-amounts of water) are next door but definitely not "en suite".

Straightforward English breakfasts are served till twelve in a morning room. Dinner is in the wood-panelled dining room with a fire in winter and no one has heard of nouvelle cuisine or polenta. There are no fire doors, no mints-on-pillows, and no — repeat no — itsy-bitsy flowery knick-knacks in the loo.

Prescient readers may recall George Orwell's essay *about* the Rose and Crown, the perfect pub, with its bar-maid, roaring fire and fine ale. They will have realised by now that, like the Rose and Crown, the above hotel does not exist. It is a figment of my dreams, and doomed to remain so. For "country house hotels," I'm afraid, are a contradiction in terms and it is high time the myth was exposed.

It's obvious, really. Country houses are one thing; hotels another. And never do the twain successfully meet. Well, not in my experience.

All the bits that are nice about country houses are absent in the country *house* hotel: the second-cousins hiding in airing cupboards, the moth-eaten libraries, the home-made lemonade, the cottage-pie. And all the bits that are nasty about hotels are inevitably in evidence.

Fundamental, of course, are the other guests. There is the businessmen on a jolly *with his secretary — lots of clinking* glasses and giggling at dinner; really quite intriguing from a man-and-woman-watching point of view, but inappropriate to a country weekend. There are the birthday groups, their toe-curling renditions of *Happy Birthday to You* presided over by a young French trainee from Bordeaux. And finally there are the journalists on their freebies, who are being fawned over by the patron (*jolly annoying because they* are not paying).

Which leads to the bill. I know it seems churlish not to want to pay, but you can't help but feel slightly affronted, rather as if a friend had whipped out a bat at the end of a dinner-party. After all, the whole atmosphere is designed to lull you into thinking this might be your home-from-home. You've almost believed all the faux-friendly patter about *it being a family business when they* show you a £300 bill. The fact that they take every credit card ever invented is little consolation.

Above all, these hotels fail to provide the neutrality so essential for their only important role: a setting for the, er hum, not-so-clean weekend. For such weekends to work, the hotel must be large and purpose-built enough to be anonymous. Country-house hotels are full of *rambling, badly designed passages* where you are bound to bump into your next-door neighbour. The walls are too thin for privacy because they are late-20th century partitions. And an old dear almost certainly arrives with her duster on Sunday mornings. I need say no more.

Hotels should be built as hotels, not converted from country houses. This is why it is delightful to stay in pubs, which were always designed to have guests, or the tremendous large London hotels such as the Savoy, whose rooms are redolent of famous visitors, people like Arnold Bennett, people worth having omelettes *named after them. In a country* house hotel all you have is a slightly poignant reminder of the displaced family, who can, presumably, no longer afford the splendour of their seat.

My next weekend away from home will be spent in a pub or a palace, not the dreary half-way house of the country house hotel. I'm sure George Orwell would understand.

SHOCKED
that your car insurance does not cover what you expect?

AA Autoquote could offer you a better alternative

phone FREE on 0800 444 777 ext. 953

LINES OPEN Mon-Fri 8.30am—8.30pm, Sat-Sun 9.00am—4.00pm
Or call into your local shop. You'll find the address in Yellow Pages.

FREE SMART MOONPHASE WATCH WHEN YOU CALL FOR A QUOTE
Gift subject to availability. Please allow 28 days for delivery.



AA Autoquote
We're on your side
Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited.
Registered Office: Fanum House, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 2EA. Registered No. 2414212, England.

Philip Howard



■ Clean waters are not what the ritual of the British seaside holiday is about

Millions of Britons visit Blackpool every season: but bathing is not what they go there for. The European Court does not understand the meaning of Blackpool, or the English institution of the seaside holiday, when it rules that the beaches of Blackpool fall short of EC cleanliness standards. Other nations in warmer waters have *la mer*, the ocean and the beach, but these have different barnacles of connotation from the seaside, which means a place for vulgar holidays, but not for bathing.

Blackpool is part of the popular British heritage, exemplified by fearsome landladies who drive their lodgers out after breakfast into the mist sweeping in horizontally from the Atlantic; by Donald McGill postcards of gross women and puny, hen-pecked men; by deckchairs flapping in the gale and fathers wearing on their heads handkerchiefs knotted at their four corners; and by greasy cod and the 50 miles of sausages that the European Court was told are eaten on Blackpool promenade every season — with chips and soakings of ersatz vinegar. Blackpool is the original home of the amusement arcade, which has given new overtones to both words, "amusement" and "arcade", with its ingenious machines programmed never to pick up the glittering tinsel prizes and always to cheat lubricious expectations of what the butler saw. It is the place for immature political groupies and policy-wonkers to give each other unBritish standing ovations.

Blackpool is for cheap and cheerful mass escapism from the first industrial society. It is the place where a man on his honeymoon goes into the booth of Chief Sitting Bull, memory man, on the pier, and asks: "Who won the FA Cup in 1926?" The Lancashire *con man in feathers and peace pipe replies*, without pause for recollection: "Bolton Wanderers." Impressed, the honeymooner goes away, and returns to the tawdry minarets and domes of the golden mile for his silver wedding. Chief Sitting Bull is still doing his business, 25 years more wizened and wicked. Man revisits him, and greets him in facetious Redskin style: "How!" Quick as an Apache arrow, Chief Sitting Bull replies: "Goal in extra time."

The father of liars was the first Briton to claim to have bathed for pleasure in the cold and uninviting waters that surround this septic isle. He was Beowulf, and his epic shows that bathing was considered batty by the European Court of the day. "There was nobody, neither friend nor foe, who could dissuade you from that miserable exploit when you swam in the sea." It served Beowulf right that he had a terrible time in the surging winter waves, and had to wrestle with monsters of the deep more fearful even than Eurocrats or legendary landladies.

Romans, who had the Mediterranean for their swimming-pool, understandably considered swimming in the sea a pleasure. The Emperor Augustus taught his grandsons "letters and swimming and other rudiments of education". But when the Romans conquered Britain, as their comment on the climate they introduced hot baths and central heating. Bathing in any British waters was considered a daft and dangerous activity: as the ancient proverb put it, wash your hands often, your feet seldom, and your head never.

The earliest reason for immersing pink-and-grey British bodies in the cold and dirty native sea was therapeutic rather than masochistic. The activity was made fashionable by the Prince Regent, who went to the dim village of Brighthelmstone because he thought, erroneously, that salt water and sea breezes would improve his physique and temperament.

The industrial revolution and the railways created Blackpool and the great British seaside holiday. For their once-a-year week off from the mills and factories, the workers from the other industrial cities shoaled to Blackpool, but they came for the popular entertainment, not the swimming. Arnold Bennett, being a native, got Blackpool right. He described it as the huge flower that springs from the horrid bed of the factory system: "They all earn their living by hard and repulsive work, and here they are in splendour! They will work hard at joy till they drop from exhaustion."

Even now that it has collapsed and the evidence is indisputable, the Soviet evil has its apologists

How was the cruel lie perpetrated?

Bernard Levin

One day, the rise and fall of the Soviet Empire will be explained in a way that can be understood, and everyone will agree that *that* was the solution, and we will kick ourselves for not seeing it years before. That day, however, has not yet dawned, and I think many moons will wax and wane before it does. Nobody, as far as I know, has solved the puzzle of how one man, plainly mad from the start, managed so to hypnotise a mighty nation that he could ruin its entire potential and destroy many millions of human beings on a whim, while outside its borders men and women, in no peril from his satraps, applauded and admired what he was doing, and refused to see anything wrong in it, much less recognise one of the two greatest crimes in history.

True, next door, the other of the two, its ruler even more mad, was doing much the same, but in his case there were two sets of railings to hold onto. First, Hitler murdered many millions, but in his seething brain there was at least a theory: that the Jews formed a bacillus in the body of Germany which would continue to poison the Germans until they were all eliminated. Second, there were virtually no admirers from the free outside to cheer him on; after all, Hitler ruled Germany for six years before he became the free world's enemy, yet only a handful of upper-class rubbish such as Mosley saw him as a new saviour with a new world order.

I have spent a great part of my life trying to understand the riddle with which I began, and in particular the riddle within the riddle: why did so many people, many of them neither fools nor knaves — great scientists, artists, writers, politicians, men of the cloth, captains of industry — swallow the lie without the slightest endeavour to discover the truth about the Soviet Union (and a truth, moreover, that was plain as the sun in the heavens)?

The roster of shame, indeed of unspeakable and unforgivable folly, has been charted with deadly exactitude and great profusion in Professor Paul Hollander's masterpiece, *Political Pilgrims*, wherein the reader can find on every page words that should condemn to lifelong penance those whom Hollander quotes. And an even harsher punishment should be meted out to those who denied the very existence of the Gulag; they, too, must feel the lash, this time from Professor Robert Conquest, who wrote the parallel masterpiece under the title of *The Great Terror*. But neither Hollander nor Conquest, though the evidence is piled mountain-high, can really answer the question.

The catalogue of the books about it all would, stacked on limitless shelves, reach to Alpha Centauri and back; every day several dozen more books on the subject pour out in the torrential flood. But sitting in my usual place on the river bank, I have just fished out an odd volume, which is devoted mainly not to how communism endured so long, but to why and how it died.

There is an admirable scholarly quarterly in the United States, called *The National Interest*: the spring 1993 volume is devoted in its entirety to this subject. Most of the old lags of Sovietology are in it, a good many of them my friends (over the decades they gave me the scholarly evidence with which I kept the flag flying wherever I was writing); some of the essays are as fine as anything engendered by the forces of communist darkness.

Nathan Glazer, for instance, contributes a deeply moving study with the title "Did We Go Too Far?", his doubt being the possibility that "we" hunted the communists and their camp-followers too hard for whatever threat they posed. Charles Fairbanks turns in a most illuminating examination of Gorbachev's achievement, startling yet wholly convincing. But best of all is a long, wonderfully wandering, beautifully couched chunk of autobiography from Saul Bellow.

All these writers came to knock a nail in the coffin of communism, afterwards gathering in the nearest tavern to toast its death. It is, however, notable that the tavern windows look out on the graveyard, and many a surreptitious glance is thrown, in case Dracula has risen.

Just before the collapse of communism, the fellow-travellers, particularly those in university posts, began to sense a trembling of the earth, clearly presaging the earthquake to come. They started, therefore, to hedge; they argued that there *was* a Gulag (many had denied it), but of course the numbers who died in it were small, and the claim that many millions perished there was absurd.

Then came the earthquake; as Gorbachev moved further and further towards the full truth, it was the Soviet Sovietologists themselves who began to pile up the documents, and those who minimised the extent of Soviet wickedness were faced with irrefutable evidence, not least from those who had actually experienced it on their own bodies.

A few recanted: one or two actually apologised; some protested that they had suspected all along that Stalin was not a very nice man, and even did unkind things, so they had nothing to apologise for. And then Dracula did rise from the grave.

In Robert Conquest's contribution to the *National Interest* symposium (he has made a special study of academe's treason against the truth), we meet a figure of whom through all the years of Sovietology I had never heard, although he is a prominent figure in the battle. His name is Jerry Hough, and I single him out not only because Conquest does so, but because he fits perfectly the template of the person who, standing before the evil piled up and overflowing, doggedly says "I can't see anything".

One of the finest Sovietologists was the late Merle Fainsod; one of his most popular books was called *How Russia is Ruled*. After Fainsod's death, Jerry Hough got the job of producing a new edition. He first changed the title to *How Russia is Governed* ("more polite", says Conquest), and then had the impudence to publish Fainsod's book as "By Jerry F. Hough and Merle Fainsod, revised by Jerry F. Hough".

And revised was the word: as Conquest says, Hough has reversed and distorted the whole work. But hear Conquest in his own words.

> Fainsod's index gives over sixty references to forced labour camps; Hough's revision gives none. Again, while Fainsod spoke of millions of victims of Stalinism, Hough gave a totally contrary view. I remember ... Stephen Cohen saying to me, "There's someone here who thinks Stalin only killed ten thousand people" ... Steve took me over and said: "Jerry, how many people did Stalin kill?" "Ten thousand or so".
>
> In his pseudo-Fainsod form he takes the same view, though ... admitting a possibility of "a figure in the low hundreds of thousands" ... A single one of the mass graves lately dug up in the former USSR holds as many as Hough's estimate ... Hough ... described Brezhnev's Soviet Union in strange terms: "The Soviet system is a very participatory one ... the regime has become more tolerant of individual iconoclasm, including political dissent ... the Soviet Union is "a parliamentary system of a special type ..."

I am left once more in the mystery: if anything, deeper. Even now, when the empire has long opened its archives to the outside world, there are still people who cling to ghosts, and bloodstained ones at that. There was no excuse even at the start, but let us be generous and say that the world was so dreadful at that time that a red star in the heavens was thought to be the liberation of the world. Let us even summon up our last drop of generosity and say that the *cordon sanitaire* that took the form of communism's empire was only for defence.

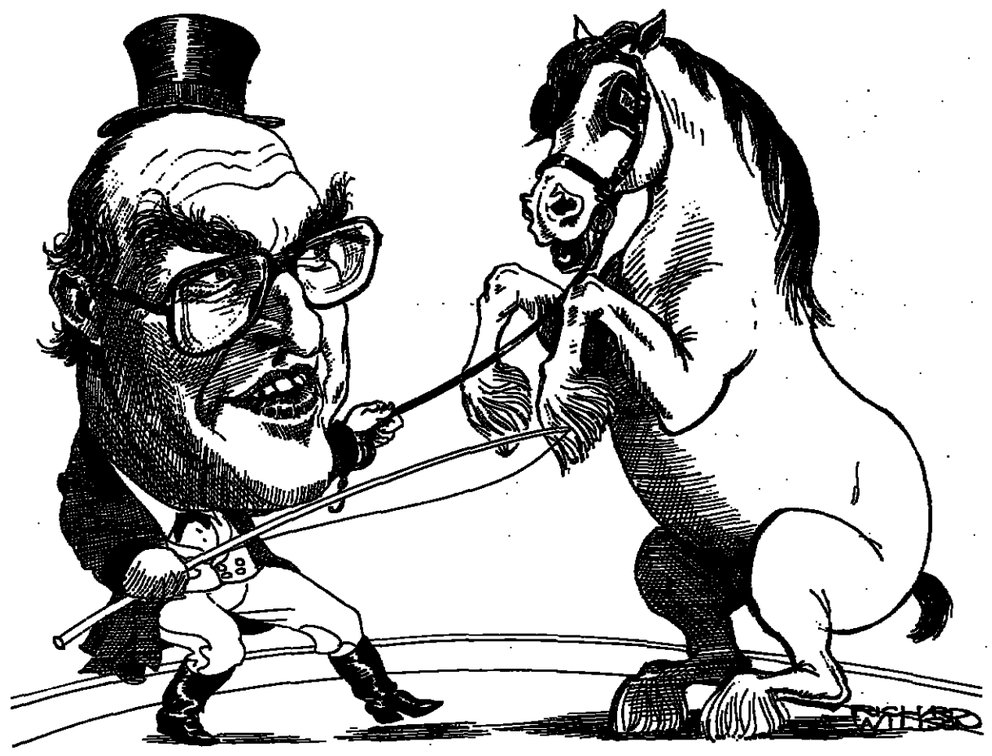
But there the excuses run out. How, through the decades right up to the present day, could a human being admire, and believe in, one of the greatest and wickedest crimes mankind has ever devised? Even when those who suffered had shown everything that went into that suffering, there were still — and *are* still — those who believe in the evil; or more exactly, have persuaded themselves that what the rest of the world calls evil is, correctly defined, good.

The Sovietologists and their symposium in *The National Interest* have done good work in helping us to understand how communism worked, and how its collapse came about, and how people reacted to the collapse, and how the experts reminisced about these important and interesting things. But nowhere in the journal, or anywhere else, is there an answer to my question.

Block voting blocks progress

Labour's future is as a party of ideas, not of sectional interests, says

Roy Hattersley



John Edmonds' campaign against one-member-one-vote has done *immense harm to the cause which*, as general secretary of the GMB, he claims to champion: the continued close connection between unions and the Labour party. As long as he resolutely presses on with the reforms, John Smith will benefit from the intransigent opposition to the extension of democracy, win or lose at Brighton. For his reputation for calm determination will be enhanced. But the trade unions have been deeply damaged by a six-month demonstration of the qualities which critics inside the party regard as the liabilities of the old alliance.

I am one of those critics. Ironically, Mr Smith is not. He told me in January — I think by way of reproof — that he wanted both to modernise the party's relations with the unions and to make the relationship genuinely democratic. But he regarded a close partnership as essential to Labour's future. I do not want to break the link, but it must not be so close that the unions maintain their dominance over policy decisions.

The problem of partnership is not the unpopularity which the connection causes. That disadvantage is often much overstated. The real detriment is the veto that the larger unions have over party thinking.

When Labour made the first of the catastrophic decisions that prejudiced its prospects in the 1960s and 1970s, Hugh Gaitskell — replying to the debate on unilateralism — questioned the democratic propriety of unions deciding how they would vote long before the party conference began. Mr Smith should ponder the same question. The folly of that system was demonstrated yesterday.

Within 24 hours of Labour's working group achieving a "consensus" on party democracy, leaders of two of the biggest unions announced that they (and their votes) were committed to oppose it. It is, they seemed to be saying, hardly worth discussing the issue. The votes (I have heard the phrase a thousand times) "just aren't there". That is more than a denial of democracy. It is a fatal inhibition on the essential modernisation of policy.

Time after time, Labour leaders have acquiesced in mistakes because they knew that the unions would push the wrong policy through conference. Next in line is, I suspect, Sunday trading — which is clearly right, hugely popular and opposed by the retail trade unions. To win and deserve to win, Labour cannot afford to sail into the policy debate with a steel anchor slowing down the pace of change.

One of the many admirable propositions in Wednesday's statement seemed to promise the end of the block vote. Not before time. It was John Edmonds who once described it as "a system which gives too much power to the trade unions, too little responsibility to constituency parties and very often no say at all". But it is not clear how total the destruction of that system will be. "Votes will be cast by individual delegates whose votes reflect the actual membership of their organisation," says a party document. Will the Transport and General have ten cards worth one hundred thousand votes each, instead of one that is worth a million? And, if that is the case, will some of them be held up in support while others are held up in opposition so as to reflect the outcome of the "consultations" with their members? Voting secondhand never truly reflects the rank and file view — particularly when it follows consultations which are by their nature inadequate.

Contrivances which seek to legitimise the block vote are no way for a great party and alternative government to decide its policy. The only result can be mistakes which the leadership has either to live with or to slide out of when the general election comes.

Those decisions will often be influenced by the sectional interest of one union being supported by another in the cause of "solidarity". That understandable emotion will then be translated into hundreds of thousands of votes, a figure far greater than the number of union members who took part in the consultation. I believe in the unions representing the sectional interests of their members and I want the law to be changed so as to allow them to do it more effectively; but that is their industrial duty, not their proper role within a political party. In the world of the 1990s and beyond, Labour has to be a party of ideas not of vested interests.

It also has to be a party which is run on unquestionable democratic principles. Part of Labour's appeal to the new Britain must be its proposals for a more open, and therefore more free, society. We cannot be credibly critical of the old institutions of power and privilege if some members of the Labour party have more power than is enjoyed by others. Proposals to reform the House of Lords will remain totally unconvincing while the power of our own barons goes unchecked.

Great damage was done to Labour's reputation by the broadcast extracts from the Transport and General Workers Union Conference — the open attack on Labour's proper determination to broaden its appeal without abandoning its principles. But much more harm was done by the propagation of the notion that Labour's decisions are taken by half a dozen union leaders.

The apotheosis of that bad idea came at the beginning of Mr Edmond's address to his union conference with the proud announcement that the prime minister had asked for a copy of his speech — implying that Mr Major, if not Mr Smith, treated him with respect. That was high-quality hubris, which, according to the ancient Greeks, will be followed by somebody's destruction.

Mr Smith's duty is to make sure that the wrath of the gods does not damage his hopes of becoming prime minister. That requires him, in his personal relations and policy decisions, to make one point over and over again. Labour belongs to its individual members.

Off the ball

ONE OF the most glamorous events in the Huntingdon social calendar, Norma Major's Mencap summer ball, is the latest victim of the recession. It has been cancelled despite the support of the prime minister and his wife, because the organisers cannot find a sponsor to underwrite the cost.

The 450 tickets have traditionally sold like hot cakes to guests hoping to have a brief word with their constituency MP and first lady. In the normal course of events, Lord Rix, the chairman of Mencap, would also have made an appearance at the gathering.

But despite reports here yesterday that Major's village post office has reopened in the face of recession, hopes of a constituency-wide recovery appear premature. "The recession has caught up with us I am afraid, and money is tight round here," says Reg Barnard, a fundraiser who runs R.F. Car Hire in Huntingdon. "It has been creeping up on us. Norma Major is terribly disappointed."

As president of Huntingdon Mencap, Mrs Major has thrown open the doors of Chequers in the past to support the charity. But this year her local Mencap chairman, Elizabeth Dicks, cannot hide her disappointment: "Something terrible has happened. Norma Major does such great things for us. It's all very sad."

Howzat for cheek?

A SPORTING gesture has been made by *New Statesman and Society* to John Major, its erstwhile antagonist. The magazine, which was forced to pay £1,001 to him as a libel settlement, is taking a cricket team to his home town to take on Huntingdon's finest — and has invited him to play.

Steve Platt, the editor, has yet to receive the PM's reply but hopes his invitation will be taken in the spirit it is meant. "We have invited John Major to play for the other side, because it would be nice to think we could put all our troubles behind us," he says.

Major's hesitation in accepting the chance to pull on his whites in September may have *something to do with the formidable New Statesman* line-up. "We've got Angela Eagle MP on our side who's very good with the bat. Then there's Graham Allen MP," says Platt. "And afterwards we've got a fundraising dinner to help towards our £150,000 legal costs." Double portions of humble pie for all?



DIARY

Whisper it to me

WE MAY never know what advice priests offer wavering members of the Italian government. An Italian writer's attempts to discover what Catholic priests say to those tempted with bribes have ended in failure. No publisher will touch them.

Giordano Bruno Guerri has admitted to priests in 100 confessionals, from Turin to Palermo, that he has accepted bribes, and recorded their consoling words using a tape-recorder hidden under his jacket. From these he has written a book which Mondadori, the Rome publisher, accepted. The work is so scandalous that there is now talk of scrapping it. "Reverend fathers," says the Italian paper *Corriere della Sera*, "watch out just who you are confessing."

● *John Smith cannot have failed to notice an advertisement in the latest issue of* Tribune. *Referring to relations between the brothers, the Tribune group of Labour MPs has inserted an advertisement which says: "Shoulder to shoulder: Labour and the trade unions." More like hands to throat.*

Tully-ho

WHERE now for Mark Tully after his assault upon John Birt and the BBC? Word is that CNN, which has a small but growing Delhi office, is considering an approach, which would help CNN gain ground on World Service Television News.

Both CNN and Tully are coy about the possibility. A CNN spokesman says: "I do not want to comment, and I do not want to get involved in poking fun at the BBC. We regard each other as complementary in India, not as competitors. But, yes, of course we are planning to expand ..."

Tully says he is not unhappy about continuing with the BBC. "I would not want to be disloyal to them," he says. "But I am talking to two newspapers at the moment."

Oar inspiring

HENLEY Regatta will not be the same next year without the colourful presence of Peter Coni, who died on Tuesday. As chairman of the regatta since 1977, he was responsible for the perennial dismissal of mini-skirted debutantes and — perhaps more controversially — the ban on women rowers until this year.

Though the rigorous standards on female attire will doubtless continue, the regatta committee is already considering how best to honour the man who masterminded the regatta for 15 years. Later this month, the committee will meet to discuss the possibility of a Coni cup.

"They will look to see if there can be some sort of memorial. At the moment we have not got a Peter Coni cup," says Richard Goddard, the regatta's secretary. "But there would have to be an event to suit it." The mini-skirt challenge perhaps.





When hoaxman met Paxman

An anonymous call informs the Diary that Jeremy Paxman has been having lunch with one Rocky Ryan, a gentleman who makes his living by persuading newspapers to print stories that aren't true. Amazingly, this one seems to be — almost.

"It's true I did have tea with him the other day," says Paxman (*left*). "What's to stop a chap having tea with a conman? I've no plans to make a programme about him, but I was thinking of writing something. However, after talking to a few people now I've decided not to."

Ryan himself (*right*) is no more forthcoming. It is some time since he promised his version of events to publisher Fourth Estate. But, according to the company's Jane Carr, it has been "a couple of months" since he spoke to them, and she is starting to lose hope. "The whole story has assumed mythical status. I wrote him a letter a few months ago and he said he was interested but as it turns out I think he was more interested in the publicity than writing anything. Paxman has not approached us," she says. "If only. He would be a much better bet than Ryan."

محذوف من الأصل

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

The prime minister faces a fateful summer's end

A week ago it seemed that John Major might measure out his summer *without* too much fear. Parliamentary tempers, which had flared from terrace to tearoom under the hot June sun, were exhausted. The Tory party had already made up its mind on the key issue and did not want to unmake it so soon: the prime minister was on 12 months' probation and no amount of Maastricht social chapters, Christchurch by-elections or babies-for-sale scares would distract it from the serious business of winding down for the holidays and waiting for prosperity's return.

Today the view from Westminster is more troubled. The prime minister faces a vote next Thursday on an issue which he has made his own, and which he may lose. The threat from Labour's motion on the social chapter is twofold, to undermine one of the last pillars of Mr Major's authority and to put in doubt the ratification of the Maastricht treaty. The first is more likely than the second. But one outcome is now wholly certain: the enervating atmosphere of Wimbledon week has gone with the sun. Like the sun, its reappearance cannot be guaranteed, even in August.

To many Tory MPs today, even those desperate for peace, the dominant prospect is of security collapsing with the polls. Tales of the prime minister's edgy demeanour after the Tokyo summit have vied with correspondingly brightened assessments of Kenneth Clarke. Tory constituency agents, as *The Times* has discovered this week, are depressed, enraged and, in some cases, sharing the same dole queues to which their masters have condemned so many others. Tory voters — if they are led to think about politics at all — are damning. Tory managers, who like to see politics as a pendulum by which popularity inevitably returns to those who wait, are beginning to think that a different metaphor is in order, a knitted square of unravelling wool.

The Labour leader, John Smith, scents blood that for once is not his own. Mr Smith has had a rough week from his union "allies" but at least he has at last joined personal battle against them. Against Mr Major he has been belatedly emboldened too. On Thursday he will oppose the government's "opt-out" from the chapter with a three-line whip. He will lead the debate himself. Mr Major himself must answer.

Depending on the outcomes, the Maastricht treaty could be passed through forever, pitched into limbo or brought back time and time again until a version finally acceptable to Parliament is found. Mr Major plans to put himself on the line at the beginning of the process and hurl himself against all obstacles until the end. The government remains absolutely determined to ratify the treaty. But some of the prices — such as ignoring altogether the most recently expressed will of Parliament — would be high. At the end of this chapter of accidents it can only be guessed where Mr Major's authority will lie.

By the close of next week the Christchurch by-election will be itself only a week away. With good governmental luck the House will have risen early and MPs will be long scattered; but with ill luck the House will have barely risen before the voters speak. In either case the obliteration of the Tory vote will take place without the general indifference that seemed possible a week ago. The holiday period before the party conference season may be so short this year as hardly to be a holiday at all.

Mr Major's central aim of the next few days must be quickly to win the vote on the social chapter, avoid the need for confidence votes of any kind and present the collapse of Christchurch as one of those regrettable things that happen from time to time while the world's serious men are at play. He has properly set about the task as though his political life depended upon it. The best way to win the social chapter vote is to persuade enough of the Tories' Maastricht rebels that the government might, if defeated, embrace the chapter rather than lose the treaty. Many opponents of Maastricht would baulk at rebellion if they both had to vote for a Labour amendment and be later accused of forcing German welfare costs upon innocent British employers.

That is the overt theme of the government whips; it will be the underlying theme of the prime minister himself who is due this weekend to give a lengthy television interview. It is hard to see, however, why all those Tory MPs who have fought so fiercely for their beliefs this year should fade before such a threat. A few may do so, fearing Mr Major's demise because of the worse men that may follow. But it is simply not credible that Mr Major would accept the chapter — or that the Cabinet would allow him to do so without revolt and resignations. It is an empty threat, as empty as this week's threat to the Tory voters of Christchurch that their disloyalty would lead to a general election. Any election that does take place this autumn will be for the leadership of the governing party, not for the occupancy of seats in Parliament. The unravelling of power which began last September has since then quickened and slowed but never stopped; it is quickening again now.

OPENING WHITEHALL'S DOOR

Reducing official secrecy will be a daunting task

The white paper on open government published yesterday by William Waldegrave, the public service minister, will disappoint those who had hoped for a full freedom of information bill. The new proposals to reduce official secrecy will not establish a general "right to know". Mr Waldegrave has not opened Whitehall's door. He has propped it ajar — an encouraging step forward.

Scholars will be delighted that the rules governing the release of historic records, including royal papers such as the files on the Abdication Crisis, are to be relaxed. Journalists will await with interest the imminent report on overhauling the "D-notice" committee. Public sector employees may be heartened that "harm tests" will be established to distinguish truly damaging leaks from more trivial disclosures.

For the private citizen, the most important provisions are the proposed statutory rights to health and safety information and to personal records held by the state or other public sector authorities. There will be a new code of practice governing background material used in policy decisions. Private contractors working for the state will be subject to the same rules as the public sector: a reform which is vital to the contracting out of public services.

The obligation to disclose will not apply to information recorded in the past, on the grounds that this would be unfair to officials who made records believing they would remain confidential. Retrospective disclosure of official files may be desirable when an autocratic regime falls. But when a mature democracy is trying to introduce openness, it is important that officials do not feel that they have been cheated by sudden changes of the rules.

Enforcement will be the test of the changes. The charges imposed for complex document searches must not become prohibitive: there must be a guarantee against excessive delays. Mr Waldegrave, anxious not to pit the courts against the executive any more than judicial review has already done, is to make the parliamentary ombudsman, William Reid, responsible for policing the reform. It remains to be seen whether the traditional obedience of government to the ombudsman holds up under this dramatic extension of the latter's responsibility.

The many exemptions, to protect matters such as national security or commercial confidentiality, proposed in the white paper are no more restrictive than those included in most freedom of information acts in other countries. Nor are they any less vague. The effect will be to give enormous discretionary power to Mr Reid and his successors, who will be expected to judge if exemptions have been applied fairly. The Scott enquiry into Matrix Churchill daily reveals how complex the conflicts of interest can be. In pushing open the Whitehall door, Mr Waldegrave has set himself and the ombudsman a daunting task.

TOO SHAW TO BE DEAD

A museum enshrines the past, but the words can live on

It would have tickled Bernard Shaw's highly commercial sense of paradox that yesterday the Irish minister of tourism opened as a museum the narrow terraced house at 33 Synge Street, Dublin, where Shaw was born in 1856 to "shabby, genteel poverty". The house, restored at a cost of £200,000, is intended to add to the delights of literary nostalgia already richly provided in Dublin by another Dubliner, Joyce, who got out at the first opportunity.

Shaw was a professional anti-Irishman. He left Dublin at the age of 10, with no regrets, and described his time there as a devil of a childhood, "rich only in dreams, frightful in realities". But he left money to the Irish National Gallery, "to which I owe much of the only real education I ever got as a boy in Eire". The English think of Shaw as an honorary if maverick Englishman.

Controversy was the element in which Shaw lived, and it is fitting that it still follows him after death. How he would have loved the dispute over his legacy to the British Museum, with the argument about whether there is a moral obligation to hand some or all of it over to the British Library. He might even have been amused that the museum has spent part of his bounty on modernising its non-vegetarian restaurant. And from the publicity-free zone of the grave, Shaw would have enjoyed the devilish irony that his legacy has been swelled mainly by the decision to "downgrade" *Pygmalion* into a musical with the soppy title *My Fair Lady*. "I absolutely forbid such an outrage," he wrote in his 92nd year.

That mischievous old prince of paradox would be pleased that the world is still teased and amused by him. It still reads his polemics and watches his plays, even in media and adaptations he would have pretended to deplore. The man who devoted his life to provocation and breaking the moulds of British thought would be tickled pink to have his little museum in Dublin. But those clever, perverse, brilliant words are his truest memorial.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Implications for accused of changing right to jury trial

From Professor Michael Zander

Sir, Much of the press comment on the report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, on which I served, has been based on two fundamental misapprehensions.

The first relates to the issue that has excited most criticism — our proposals about trial by jury in regard to "either way" offences where the defendant at present has the right to choose trial by jury. This recommendation was based on our view that the present system is plainly not working satisfactorily.

Our proposal to remove the right to insist on jury trial concerns the 30 per cent of Crown Court defendants who now opt for jury trial there. The rest are charged with offences that must be tried in the Crown Court (18 per cent) or are sent to the Crown Court by the magistrates, even though they would have preferred trial in the magistrates' court (52 per cent).

Of those who opt for jury trial, no less than 83 per cent end by pleading guilty. Thus there is no trial, with a resulting waste of time and resources in preparation of the case, not to speak of witnesses coming to court in vain and considerable additional delays in Crown Court cases. For the 83 per cent who plead guilty the issue of jury trial becomes irrelevant.

The proposal therefore actually only affects the remaining 17 per cent of the 30 per cent who opt for jury trial — i.e., 5 per cent of all Crown Court defendants. It would enable defendants to urge the Crown Prosecution Service, and failing them, the magistrates, that under the statutory criteria jury trial was appropriate. In many of these cases they would get jury trial; but some of them are charged with trivial offences that do not seem, on any view, to merit Crown Court trial.

In Scotland the decision in "either way" cases as to whether the defendant is tried by jury is made solely by the prosecution. This seems to generate no controversy at all. The commission took the view that in our system, when prosecution and defence cannot agree, magistrates, having heard representations from both sides, could equally be trusted to take this decision sensibly and fairly.

Moreover, we unanimously rejected the commonly expressed view that defendants should have a right to jury trial simply because they think it gives them a better chance of acquittal. The defendant's wish is perfectly understandable, but in our view it should be for the system, not the defendant, to decide whether the case is appropriate for the full panoply of a jury trial, which is nearly ten times as expensive as a trial in the magistrates' court. The vastly greater cost, financial and human, is only one of the many factors to be taken into account, but it is surely a legitimate factor and it is one, moreover, which we were specifically required to consider.

The second issue, which follows directly, is whether the commission was at fault in not focusing mainly on the problem of avoiding miscarriages of justice, such as those which led to its establishment. Evidently there was an expectation in some quarters that that should have been our primary focus. But this is to ignore the commission's terms of reference which required us "to examine the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in England and Wales in securing the conviction of those guilty of criminal offences and the acquittal of those who are innocent, having regard to the efficient use of resources".

It was our clear duty to give proper attention to each of these three parts of our terms of reference. I believe that inspection of our report shows that that is what we did.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL ZANDER,
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
July 14.

From Sir David Napley

Sir, Perhaps the most fundamental principle of the English criminal law is that the onus of proof lies upon the prosecution. It is vital to the freedom of the citizen.

Even what might be seen as only a slight tampering with this principle could be dangerous. Take one step down that path and it will not be long before a few further "unimportant" steps are taken, until the time is reached when it is no longer for the Crown to prove guilt, but for the citizen to prove innocence. That burden on the Crown, as the royal commission accepts, must remain.

As a consequence, even a guilty person is rightly entitled, under our system, to say to the prosecution "prove my guilt", and many do. This right is not primarily directed to his protection, but to avoid dilution which imperils the innocent.

What will occur in the future when a defendant, who wishes to put the Crown to proof, is required by law to disclose his defence, when in fact he has not got one? Either he will tell lies (to which no responsible lawyer would be a consenting party) or the jury will be invited to infer that his failure to disclose a defence can be an indication of guilt. At a stroke, the most basic of the principles of British justice will have been irrevocably corrupted.

The royal commission's views on the right to silence are exceedingly difficult to follow. If, as they argue (para 26), it is impermissible, and should remain so, to draw an adverse inference against an accused because he fails, towards the end of the trial, to give evidence in explanation and support of his defence, how can it be quite in order, as they equally contend (para 90), to draw such an inference if, earlier, once the Crown has disclosed its case, he refuses to disclose his defence?

The solution to our problems must lie elsewhere.

Yours truly,
DAVID NAPLEY,
Kingsley Napley (solicitors),
107-115 Long Acre, WC2.
July 13.

From Mr Anthony Bilmes

Sir, Mr Stephen Solley, QC (letter, July 13), trivialises the debate over the proposed changes in the criminal justice system by implying that senior police officers are motivated by the desire to achieve convictions rather than justice. He tempts one to suggest that if Queen's Counsel, who are hardly ever instructed in the magistrates' courts, are against restricting the right to elect trial by jury then it must be right to impose such a restriction.

It is vital that those who serve the criminal justice system, in whatever role, agree a common goal. The debate should be intellectual not factional. All those who seek to participate in it have a duty to ensure that it is.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BILMES
(Financial adviser to the Merseyside Police Federation),
Bilmes & Co., 110 The Chambers, Chelsea Harbour, SW10.
July 14.

UN as 'a warring faction' in Somalia

From the Director of CARE Britain

Sir, Your leader on the United Nations' role in Somalia ("Uncharted territory", July 14), raises some vitally important issues.

When I was in Somalia last August, at the height of the humanitarian crisis, I met the rival warlords, including General Aidid. I was struck then by the need for the UN to show leadership in getting the clan elders together to start the process of political reconciliation and restructuring and to show total impartiality in doing so.

Malcolm Rifkind is right to question the strategy and usefulness of the UN's current activities in Mogadishu. At present the UN is perceived by Somalis as just another warring faction and thus it cannot make any significant headway with negotiations with the clan leaders.

The current lack of security means that aid agencies too are hindered in making their full contributions to the rehabilitation of the ill-fated Somalis. Their personnel are at considerable risk.

A new UN strategy is urgently required.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN HOPKINS,
Director, CARE Britain,
36-38 Southampton Street, WC2.
July 14.

Fishermen's tales

From Mr H. H. Villiers

Sir, I was intrigued to read in your columns under the heading "Peers scour the world for votes on Maastricht" (report, July 13) that no less than three Tory backwoodsmen have told the whips (later editions only) that they were loathe (*sic*) to leave their Scottish trout streams "just when the mayfly are hatching". Certainly on the chalk streams of southern England the mayfly finished hatching in any numbers a full month ago and my limited experience of Scottish trout streams leads me to believe that the situation is much the same there.

It would seem on the face of it a rather poor excuse for the three backwoods peers to claim that they were reluctant to come south and to vote upon an issue of vital constitutional importance on the grounds that they were going to miss the peak of the season's fishing.

Yours faithfully,
H. H. VILLIERS,
Ulcombe Place,
Ulcombe, nr Maidstone, Kent.
July 13.

Heart of darkness

From Mr Tom Griffiths

Sir, Bernard Levin ("A ministry of dirty works", July 6) writes: "The stench of trickery, cowardice, incompetence and all-round rottenness does not come from the Opposition." Of course it doesn't. The Opposition is not in power. He should read his Machiavelli.

All governments are virtuous, wicked, honest or tricky as it suits them. They may also be incompetent and unlucky, but that is another matter.

Yours faithfully,
TOM GRIFFITHS.
3 Victoria Court, Victoria Road,
Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.

From Mr John Penny

Sir, Bernard Levin's article is an example of journalism at its very best. It should be printed with indelible ink, and pinned to the door of every office in Whitehall.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PENNY.
43 Sutherland Road.
Southampton, Hampshire.
July 6.

Mighty chancellors

From the Right Reverend John Bickersteth, KCVO

Sir, "Judges will fight to keep trial by jury" runs your front-page headline (July 6). Yet in the Church of England there is no jury to fight for, since it does not exist at all in our ecclesiastical legal system.

The chancellor of a diocese is monarch of all that he or she surveys, not even able to be overruled by the bishop, for they are *pari passu*. He, or she, may indeed happen to live in or near the diocese, may work closely with the bishop, may have an ear well tuned to the pastoral scene, may be a compassionate and fair-minded person. I often thanked God that mine did or was all these things. But the chancellor may do or be none of them, and then a diocese suffers grievously, and the cause of the Kingdom is much harmed.

Can it be right for the Church of England to go on allowing our chancellors, drawing their handsome fees from hard-pressed boards of finance, not only to have life tenure, but also to be judge and jury in every single legal issue which comes their way?

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN BICKERSTETH
(Bishop of Bath & Wells, 1975-87),
Beckfords, Newtown,
Tisbury, Wiltshire.
July 6.

Tory agents and party finances

From Sir Norman Fowler, Chairman of the Conservative Party

Sir, You report (July 12) redundancies among Conservative party agents. There are two separate issues which should not be confused.

First, there is the issue of constituency agents employed by local Conservative associations. Although the Conservative party continues to have more such agents than the Labour and Liberal parties combined, it is true that since the last general election a number of associations have made their agents redundant. It should be emphasised that this has happened in every recent post-election period. We still have more agents in the constituencies than we did 18 months before the last election.

Nevertheless, I deeply regret the need to make redundant experienced and loyal men and women who have served the Conservative party exceptionally well. Greater job security for our agents, particularly in marginal constituencies, is a vital issue and is currently being urgently reviewed as part of the continuing reforms of the party organisation.

In the run-up to the next general election, as in previous pre-election periods, Central Office will step up its assistance to the key marginal constituencies, including the provision of financial help to employ agents.

The second issue is the financial position of the national party organisation. When I became chairman, there was an accumulated deficit of some £17 million and spending was still strongly outstripping income. This problem had to be tackled. Some of the resulting changes have been painful, but they were necessary. Spending has now been brought into line with income.

The Conservative party organisation has been comprehensively overhauled over the last year, with the appointment of a director general and director of finance, and the creation of the party's new board of management to strengthen accountability.

Most important of all, the party is no longer spending beyond its means. Failure to tackle these problems would have led to greater and much more deserved criticism. By contrast, the difficult but important achievements made in the last year have laid the groundwork for the contribution the party's organisation will make to our fifth consecutive election victory.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN FOWLER,
Conservative Central Office,
32 Smith Square,
Westminster, SW1.
July 15.

New look at St James's

From Mr Robert Bridges

Sir, How sad it is to see one of London's principal old buildings which still looks old succumb to the hand of the restorer.

Until lately the north front of St James's Palace facing up St James's Street looked just as it does in Thomas Shotter Boys' lithographs, its ancient brickwork beautiful with the patina of centuries. Now it is being scrubbed to look as fresh as any neighbouring office block, and will have lost an irreplaceable quality.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BRIDGES,
Grosvenor House,
18-20 Ridgway, Wimbledon, SW19.

Qualified knockout

From the President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

Sir, Richard Gordon ("The royal gasman cometh", Body and Mind, July 8) is remarkably modest for someone who was First Assistant to the Nuffield Professor of Anaesthetics at Oxford and contributed a textbook and a monograph to his discipline, both of which are still read. He is mistaken, however, in believing that he holds a portfolio of qualifications.

The diploma in anaesthetics which he earned nearly 50 years ago has undergone mutation to a fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists through the "grandfather" provision common in the circumstances he describes. The post-nominals relating to the intermediate stages are no longer in use. Bluntly, Mr Gordon has one qualification, not four or even five as he might have postulated.

I have no reason to believe that the public need fear Mr Gordon, or even the name on our fellowship list that we believe to be he. I would, however, make the point that all fellows are expected to fulfil a programme of continuing medical education, in which this royal college plays a lead part. Without that, a diploma earned 50 or even ten years ago wears a bit thin.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR SPENCE, President,
The Royal College of Anaesthetists,
48-49 Russell Square, WC1.

Survival of Russian

From Mr B. S. Adams

Sir, Dr Bengisu Rona (letter, July 2) mentions the desirability of expanding facilities for the study of the central Asian Turkic languages. Russian, however, the *lingua franca* of the region, is the most widely spoken language of central Asia and is an international culture language. The indigenous Turkic languages have recently gained official status; their decline has been halted and efforts to promote them are producing results.

It will be some time, however, before competence in these languages is widespread, internationally or domestically, and therefore for the time being the hegemony of Russian will inevitably persist. One should not forget the presence of ethnic Russian, mixed and non-native Turkic populations in each of the republics, who speak Russian as their mother tongue or for convenience, as do many natives of Turkic stock.

The constituent republics of the former USSR will have to continue to live and trade with each other and with Russia; the demands of economics lay the ground rules of politics. A balance will eventually be achieved between local Turkic languages and Russian.

Dr Rona's allusion to English as a possible challenger for the role of Russian in the international field is a pretty touch! Many a player of the Great Game would rejoice at that turn of events — but the collapse of an empire does not necessarily bring with it the abolition in its territory of the language of administration.

Russian may, once rancour dies away, retain the enduring status in central Asia that Latin once had throughout western Europe and that English and French have now in their former colonial territories.

Yours faithfully,
B. S. ADAMS,
33 The Struet, Brecon, Powys.
July 7.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Adoption rumpus

From Mr M. O. Hawker

Sir, In commenting on the Norfolk adoption case, the Secretary of State for Health declared her opposition to politically driven [social work] agendas (report, July 13). At the weekend John Bowis, a junior health minister, adversely commented on left-wingers in social work. Where is their evidence for such preposterous claims?

Could it just be that social workers, in carrying out government lorry-loads of advice on child care, are simply being driven by the Conservative view of parental responsibility, the welfare of the child, etc?

Yet more advice on this subject could just confirm Norman Lamont's accusation of "short-termism". Emotionally loaded claims by responsible ministers have no place in the turbulent world of child care.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE HAWKER
(Director of Social Services, Essex, 1978-93),
2 Daen Ingas, Danbury, Essex.

From Professor Norman Hammond

Sir, Norfolk's social workers have now ensured that Mr and Mrs Jim Lawrence have suffered the requisite degree of racial discrimination to be suitable adoptive parents.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN HAMMOND,
Wholeway, Harlton, Cambridge.

Business letters, page 25

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: His Excellency Monsieur N'Tji Laico Traore was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Mali to the Court of *St James's*.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Her Majesty received His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary General.

Sir Michael Alexander, Sir Alan Munro and Sir Ramsay Melhuish were received by The Queen upon their retirement from the Diplomatic Service.

Lady Alexander, Lady Munro and Lady Melhuish were also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace.

The Princess of Wales and The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the *Guard were on duty*.

The Band of the Grenadier Guards and the Staff Band of the Adjutant General's Corps played *selections of music during the* afternoon.

The Queen was represented by Mr Timothy Colman (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk) at the Funeral of Ruth, Lady Fermoy (Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother) which was held in St Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, Norfolk, today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major Thomas Harvey.

The Prince Edward was represented by the Lady Angela Oswald.

The Princess Royal was represented by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Anthony Duckworth-Chad.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was represented by the Lady Mary Colman.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reception to mark the opening of "Harambee '93" International Youth Conference at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex. Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the Funeral of Ruth, Lady Fermoy which took place in St Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, today.

Her Majesty unveiled a Memorial to the *Old Contemptibles* in Westminster Abbey this afternoon.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover, Major Raymond Seymour and Captain the Hon Edward Dawson-Damer were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the Funeral of Ruth, Lady Fermoy, which took place in St Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, Norfolk, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Natural History Museum and Turning Point, this evening attended the Film Premiere of *Jurassic Park* at the Empire, Leicester Square, London WC2.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Captain Edward Musto, RM, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by Lady Aird at the Funeral of Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, which was held in St Margaret's Church, King's Lynn today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Duke of Kent, President, *this afternoon attended* a lecture at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall, London SW1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 15: Princess Alexandra, Vice President, this afternoon visited the British Red Cross Northumbria Branch Headquarters at Croft House, Western Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was received by Colonel John Dowdeswell (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear).

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northumberland (the Viscount Ridley, KG).

Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, later opened the refurbished Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Albemarle, 28; Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, writer, 80; Mrs Margaret Court, tennis *player*, 51; Professor Sir Hugh Ford, mechanical engineer, 80; Sir John Freeland, QC, former legal adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 66; Sir Charles Graham, Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria, 74; Mr W.B. Howard, former deputy chairman, Marks and Spencer, 67; Miss Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 66; Sir James Kilfedder, MP, 65; Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, 78; the Ven Dr Harold Lockley, former Archdeacon of Loughborough, 77; Mr Edward Miller, former master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 78; Lord Prentice, 70; *General Bernard Rogers*, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 73; Miss Ginger Rogers, dancer, 82; Mr T.G. Rosenthal, *publisher*, 58; *Mr J.J. Warr, former* president, MCC, 66; Miss Diana Warwick, trades unionist, 48; Lord Westbury, 71; Dr T.I. Williams, scientific consultant, 72; Sir George Young, MP, 52; Mr Pinchas Zukerman, violinist, 45.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Ramsgate Harbour at 11.30; and the Royal Temple Yacht Club, Ramsgate, at 12.45. The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open new offices at the Sericol Group, Broadstairs, at 2.30; and they will visit the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, at 3.45.

Princess Margaret will visit Northumberland for the presentation of the World Heritage award to the Roman Wall at Cawfields at 3.00.

Receptions

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Sir Michael Marshall, MP, President of the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Lady Marshall were hosts at a reception held yesterday at the House of *Commons for members of the* Diplomatic Corps and members of both Houses of Parliament.

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls and President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and Lady Bingham, were the hosts at the President's Reception held on July 13 at the Middle Temple. Among the official guests were:
The Lord Mayor, Sir Francis *McWilliams, and the Sheriffs, Lord* Taylor of Gosforth (Lord Chief Justice of England), Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Lord Mustill, Sir Michael Kerr (President of the London Court of International *Arbitration), Lord Justice Steyn, Lord* Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Otton, Judge Newey, other members of the judiciary, Mrs Stella Rimington (Director General of the Security Service), Mrs Barbara Mills, QC (Director of Public Prosecutions), Mrs Lisa Parkinson (Director of the Family Mediators Association) and Presidents and Chairmen of other professional organisations, and members of the Institute and their guests.

Luncheons

Marketors' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Mr Sheriff and Mrs Anthony Moss, was a *speaker at the annual Lord Mayor's* luncheon of the Marketors' Company held yesterday at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The Master, *Mr Norman Boakes, was host*.

Media Society
Mr John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Media Society held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Russell Twisk, president, was in the chair.

Dinner

The Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a dinner at Guildhall last night to meet young City professionals. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr John M. Neill and Professor Robert Swan, United Nations Ambassador for Youth and the Environment.

Deputy lieutenants

The following have been created deputy lieutenants for Somerset: Major Gilbert Wrightson Lamb, Captain John Shillingford, RN (Rtd), John Samual Byard White.

Legal appointments

John Mark Alexander Colville, QC (Viscount Colville of Culross) and Stuart Philip Sleeman to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

The following to be recorders on the Midland and Oxford Circuit: Richard John Pearson Aikens, QC, Gerald Edward Barling, QC, David Roderic Lessiter Bodey, QC, James Nicholas Browne, Anthony Simon Lissant Cleary, Marten Frank Coates, William Paul Coates, *Mrs* Patricia Ann Deeley, Gareth Robert William Evans, Richard Carl Gaskell, Michael John Heath, The Hon Guy Rhys John Mansfield, Phillip Rowland Matthews, Iain McLeod, Stephen Oliver-Jones, Peter Carrington Rhodes, Miss Doris June Rodgers, *John James Wait, John Warren*.

University news

London
Professor Andrew Rutherford to be Vice-Chancellor from August 31 next year.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st President of the Royal Academy 1768-92, Plympton, Devon, 1723; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, Bow, New Hampshire, 1821; the Rev James Owen Hannay (George Birmingham), novelist, Belfast, 1865; Roald Amundsen, Polar explorer, Oslo, 1872; Trygve Lie, 1st Secretary-General of the UN 1946-52, Oslo, 1896.

DEATHS: Anne of Cleves, 4th wife of King Henry VIII, London, 1557; Josiah Spode, potter, Penkhull, Staffordshire, 1827; Edmond de Goncourt, writer, Champrosay, France, 1896; Hilaire Belloc, writer, Guildford, 1953; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, near Salzburg, 1989.

The Hejira — the Flight of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina, AD 622.

Nicholas II, Tsar of Russia, and his family were murdered by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg, 1918.

The first atomic bomb was exploded at Los Alamos, New Mexico, 1945.

Wittgenstein papers for sale

By Daniel Johnson
LITERARY EDITOR

AN EXTRAORDINARY collection of letters and documents relating to the only book published by the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein in his lifetime, the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, will be auctioned at Sotheby's in London on Monday.

According to the auctioneers, this archive — which documents the complex publishing history of the *Tractatus* — amounts to "the most important papers in the field of modern philosophy ever to have appeared at auction" and is expected to fetch up to £55,000.

The collection belonged to a Cambridge linguistic psychologist, the late C.K. Ogden, who translated and published Wittgenstein's book in 1922.

The story of Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* began shortly before the first world war, when the young Austrian (then in his early twenties) met the two leading Cambridge philosophers, Bertrand Russell and G.E. Moore, and impressed them with his grasp of how symbolic logic could be applied to language.

But Wittgenstein was more ambitious: he wanted to discover *the limits of philosophical* thought. Most of the notebooks which record the germination of the *Tractatus* were destroyed on Wittgenstein's orders after his death, but he worked on it steadily *while serving for the Austro-*Hungarian army in the trenches on several fronts.

Wittgenstein finished the *Logisch-Philosophische Abhandlung*, as it was entitled in German, by the time he was taken prisoner in November 1918. It was arranged in a series of formal, decimally numbered propositions, aphoristic and remarkable for their brevity (1, 1.1, 1.11 etc.), and it seeks to show precisely how "logical pictures can depict the world".

But several German and Austrian publishers rejected the epoch-making work of only 70-odd pages. In his letters to Ogden, which are included in the sale, Wittgenstein insists that he will not make the book any longer: "It would be just as if you had *gone to a joiner and ordered a* table and he had made the table too short and now would sell you the shavings and sawdust . . ."

Bertrand Russell came to the rescue by writing an introduction, warmly praising the book as "an important event", though Wittgenstein disliked Russell's gloss on his work. In the meantime Wittgenstein was deeply depressed: in May 1920 he wrote to his friend Engelmann: "I have continually thought of taking my own life, and the idea still haunts me *sometimes*." He *meant it*: his family had a history of suicides.

The only complete typescript was entrusted to Russell, and in 1921 it found a home in an obscure journal, the *Annalen der Naturphilosophie*. Wittgenstein was furious, considering it a pirated edition.

Ogden offered to translate the book, assisted by the gifted mathematician F.P. Ramsay, and to publish it in a new series he was editing for Routledge. The most important (and previously unpub*lished) items offered for sale* consist of a series of proofs, with corrections and additions by Wittgenstein.

For all its flaws — which Wittgenstein was among the first to condemn — the *Tractatus* remains the most concentrated classic in the whole history of philosophy. Its last proposition has become Wittgenstein's trademark: "What we cannot speak about we must pass over in silence."



Ludwig Wittgenstein: his *Tractatus*, turned down by several publishers, proved a landmark in philosophy

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Warren Adamson, Vicar, St Ninian, Douglas (Sodor and Man): to be Vicar, St Philip Deacon and Evangelist, Potters Green (Coventry).
The Rev Jim Bent, permission to officiate, diocese Liverpool: to be non-stipendiary minister, All Saints, Glazebury and Newchurch, same diocese.
The Rev Andrew Bunch, Curate, New Windsor Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, New Windsor Team Ministry (Oxford).
The Rev John Carr, Team Vicar, Becontree West Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Basildon, St Andrew w Holy Cross (Chelmsford).
The Rev Patrick Curran, Bishop's Chaplain to Students, Bradford University (Bradford): to be Chaplain, St Boniface, Bonn w All Saints, Cologne, Germany (Europe).
The Rev Eric Davies, Curate, Hathern, Long Whatton and Diseworth w Belton and Osgathorpe (Leicester): to be Curate, w special responsibility for Minster in Sheppey w St Peter, Halfway (Canterbury).
The Rev Robin Davill, Assistant Curate, Howden: to be Assistant Curate (NSM) within the Easingwold deanery (York).
The Rev Dr Brian Godfrey, Rector, West Kingsdown: to be Rector, Sundridge w Ide Hill (Rochester).
The Rev Alec Harding, Curate, Thirsk (York): to be Team Vicar, South Wye Team Ministry (Hereford).
The Rev Dennis Leigh, Assistant Priest, Aylestone Park Ecumenical Church of the Nativity: to be Assistant Priest, Aylestone St Andrew, Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev Barry Smart, Curate w senior responsibility, Abingdon Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, St Michael's and All Angels, Abingdon (Oxford).

Marriages

The Hon Jonathan Harmsworth and Miss C.C. Clemence
The marriage took place yesterday at the *Church of the Immaculate* Conception, Farm Street, of the Hon Jonathan Harmsworth, son of Viscount Rothermere and the late *Viscountess Rothermere*, of Paris, to Miss Claudia Clemence, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Clemence, of London. Father Fran*cis Edwards, SJ, and* Canon John Oates officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Augusta Ogilvy, Sebastian Yeates, Harry Holcroft, Felix Matthews and Miss Sahar Hashemi. Mr Andrew Ritchie was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in Venice and Jamaica.

Mr A.K. Hardie and Miss A.I.J. Waddell
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 26, at Ratho Parish Church, Edinburgh, between Mr Adam Ker Hardie, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Hardie, Gartocharn, Dumbartonshire, and Miss Alexandra Isabel Jane Waddell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Waddell, Edinburgh. The Rev Alastair H. Symington officiated.

Mr M.F. Harris and Miss L.M. MacLachlan
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 10, in the Chapel of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, of Martin Harris, son of the Rev Fergus and Mrs Harris, of Perth, and Linda MacLachlan, daughter of Dr and Mrs David MacLachlan, of *Edinburgh*. The Rev Mark Pryce officiated and the Rev Dr David Thomas gave the address.

Mr A.F.G. Hornyold and Miss C.M.K. Crichton-Stuart
The marriage took place on Wednesday, July 14, at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, of Mr Antony Hornyold, son of the late Mr Ralph Gandolfi-Hornyold and of the late Mrs Euan Rabagliati, to Miss Caroline Crichton-Stuart, MVO, daughter of the late Mr Patrick Crichton-Stuart and of Mrs Patrick Crichton-Stuart.

Mr S.J. Ulph and Dr C.M-T. Gilling-Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 10, at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Tadworth, between Mr Stephen John Ulph, son of Mr and Mrs Sydney J.R. Ulph, of 141V Battlehurst, Kirdford, Billingshurst, West Sussex, and Dr Carole Marie-Thérèse Gilling-Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dryden Gilling-Smith, of 6 Vernon Walk, Tadworth, Surrey. The Rev Robert McLean officated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by *Miss Hazel Watson and by Anna* and Sarah Barwell. Mr Mark Stephenson was best man.

A reception was held at Cannizaro House, Wimbledon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.C. Cox and Miss S. Cusack
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr Richard Cox, of West Bilney, Norfolk, and Mrs Lesley Cox, of Fulham, London, and Sara, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Greg Cusack, of Yass, NSW, Australia.

Mr P.V.P. Dingwall and Miss S.M. Marsh
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Hubert Dingwall, of Hamsterley, co. Durham, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Marsh, of Westmill, Hertfordshire.

Mr P.H. Kelsey and Miss F.J. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Kelsey, of Wickhambreaux, Kent, and Fenella, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thompson, of Aslockton, Nottinghamshire.

Dr J.B. Lavin and Dr S.J. Paynter
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Dr and Mrs John Lavin, of New Waltham, Humberside, and Stephanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Paynter, of Barnstaple, Devon.

Mr R. Pilkington and Miss H.D.A. Crofts
The engagement is announced between Rupert Pilkington, of Coydon, Bolham, Tiverton, and Hilary Diana Armstrong, only daughter of the late Mr Colin A. Crofts and of Mrs Dorothy A. Crofts, of Dymock, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.M. Singer and Miss A.N. Moss
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Harold Singer, of Gatley, Cheshire, and *Allison, daughter of Mr and* Mrs Michael Harry Moss, of Broughton Park, Lancashire.

Fulbright awards

The US-UK Fulbright Commission has announced 39 awards for postgraduate study in the United States during 1993/94 to the following British graduate students:

A Baker (Cambridge U) U of Miami, Marine Biology; C Bartram (Cambridge U) Harvard U, Architecture/Design; O Blackburn (Oxford U) New York U, Film; J Calvert (St Andrews and Oxford Us) Harvard School of Public Health, Tropical Public Health; J Cossar (Cambridge U) Memphis State U, Sociology/Philosophy; D Crowdy (Cambridge U) California Institute of Technology, Applied Mathematics; Penny Edwards (London and Oxford Us) Cornell U, International Relations; M Frame (London U and Cranfield Inst of Technology) U of Maryland, Hypersonic Aerodynamics; R *George (Oxford U) U of* Pennsylvania, International Relations; C Gourlay (Oxford and Munich Us) U of Pennsylvania, Architecture; A Haydon (Cambridge U) Harvard U, Law; R Henderson (Oxford U) Columbia U, Socio-Medical Sciences; J Herbert (Oxford and Cambridge Us) Pennsylvania U, US History; E Howells (Bristol and Oxford Us) Chicago U, Western Medieval Mysticism; T Hulbert (Imperial College, London) Stanford U, Environmental Engineering; S Laverty (U of Ulster) U of *Massachusetts*, Economic Development; T Marchant (Witwatersrand and London Us) Yale U, American Studies; E McMillan (Edinburgh U) Yale University, Law/Economics; K Mehta (Cambridge U) U of Chicago, Law; T Murray (London U) New York U, Afro-American Literature; J Muston (Oxford U) Ohio U, US Foreign Policy; S O'Brien (Guildhall School) U of Southern California, Cello; D Pinner (Cambridge U) U of California, Berkeley, Physics; J Poole (London and Korea Us) U of Hawaii, *Korean Literature*; S Tuck (Cambridge U) Emory U, Atlanta, History of Civil Rights; P Thompson (Oxford U) U of California Los Angeles, Cognitive Science.

Fulbright British-American Chamber of Commerce Mander Award and Fulbright Wharton Fellowship: T Booker (Edinburgh U) Wharton School, Pennsylvania, Business Administration

Fulbright Cancer Award: C Bacon (Sheffield U) National Cancer Institute, Cancer Research

Fulbright Endowment Awards: A Nicholls (London U) The Juilliard School, Music — harp; Felicity Paxton (U of East Anglia) U of Pennsylvania, American Studies.

Fulbright-United Airlines Travel Awards: T Bawden (Leeds U) U of California, Berkeley, English/Art History; D Bloom (Leeds U) U of California, Berkeley, English Literature; J Buchanan (Bristol and Oxford Us) U of Rochester, Film; M Chait (Capetown, London and Oxford Us) East-West Center, Hawaii, International Relations; J Chalcraft (Cambridge U) Harvard U, Political Science; S Currell (Sussex U) U of Maryland, US Literature; D Hadley (Aberdeen U) Yale U, Environmental Studies; C Riding (Leeds U and Birmingham Polytechnic) U of California Berkeley, History of Art; M Robb (Durham and London Us) Princeton U, Eastern European Studies.

Group Captain Lord Cheshire

To mark the first anniversary of the death of Group Captain Lord Cheshire, of Woodhall, VC, OM, DSO, DFC, a *Solemn Mass of* thanksgiving for his life and work will be celebrated on Friday, July 30, at 4.00pm, at Farm Street Church, *Mayfair, London*, W1.

PERSONAL COLUMN

TEL: 071 481 1982 — FAX: 071 481 9313

You, my friends, were called to be free; only beware of turning your freedom into licence for your unspiritual nature. Instead, serve one another in love.
Galatians 5 : 13

BIRTHS

BERGNE - On July 5th, to Debbie-Rae (née Lewis) and Giles, a daughter, Isabella Charlotte, a sister to Carmen.

BRUEMMER - On July 14th, in Montgomery, Alabama, to Amanda (née Evans) and Michael, a son, Jake Attwood.

DOUGLAS-CLIFFORD - To Fiona (née Maclean) and Peter, a son, Andrew, on July 14th in Christchurch, New Zealand.

HERBERT - On 7th July at Oxford, to Alison (née Walker) and Jeremy, a daughter, Louisa Amy, a sister for Fiona.

LANAGHAN - On July 9th, to Annette (née Hamilton-Russell) and Brian, a son, James Henry David, a brother for Marina.

LANGDON - See Packwood.

LEEMING - On 13th July, to Clare (née Dunn) and James, a son, a brother for Archie, Emily-Rose and Harry.

LODER - On 8th July 1993, to Trish and Peter, a fourth beautiful daughter, Caroline Beatrice, a sister to Sarah, Gemma and Elizabeth.

LORD - *On July 12th at the* Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Gwent, to Lorraine and Steven, a son, Cristian Charles.

MACLEAN - See Douglas-Clifford.

MURRAY - On July 14th at the Wellington Hospital, to Nicola (née Poole) and Nicholas, a daughter, Olivia Nicola, a sister for Antonia and Victoria.

NIBLETT - On July 13th at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to Valerie (née Ranger) and Anthony, a daughter, *Julia Ann*.

PACKWOOD - On July 9th 1993 in Rochester, to Penny and Charles, a son, William John, a brother for Marianne and Jack.

STEER - On 8th July, to *Lynda* (née Newey) and Neil, a son, George Harry Newey.

DEATHS

BENDIT - On July 14th 1993, peacefully at home, Peggy Andreina, adored wife, mother, aunt and grandmother. Private funeral and cremation. Donations if desired to Wessex Radiotherapy Appeal, 11 Westwood Road, Southampton, SO2 1DL.

CHAPMAN - On 13th July 1993, peacefully at Port Brody Hospital, Lilian Ruth *of Bridport*. Cremation at Yeovil on Monday 19th July at 12 noon, followed by Requiem Mass at St Swithun's Church, Allington, on Monday 26th *July at 11 am*. Donations if desired may be sent for Port Bredy Hospital Amenity Fund c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

CONI - On 14th July 1993 peacefully at home. Peter Coni OBE QC. Former Chairman *Henley* Royal Regatta, President of London Rowing Club and Treasurer of FISA. Private family funeral. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to either Rowing Foundation, 6 Lower Mall, London W6 9DJ or Contemporary Dance Trust, London WC1H 9AB. A memorial service will be *announced later*.

DAUBENY - On 15th July 1993, Ronald Giles Daubeny, OBE, Indian Police and Indian Political Service (Retired). Last Comptroller of the Viceroy's Household. Four days before his 86th *birthday. Devoted husband* of the late Ann and deeply loved father of Philip and Giles. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Linton, Maidstone, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 22nd July. Enquiries to Birds Funeral Directors, (0622) 692949.

DUCAT-HAMERSLEY - On 14th July, Tara Jessie Ducat-Hamersley, peacefully at Elliscombe Nursing Home. Dearly loved mother of *Jonny and Anthea* and much loved grandmother. Private funeral at St Mary's, Pyrton. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cottage Hospital, Watlington, Oxfordshire.

HIBBERD - On 13th July 1993, peacefully in his sleep at Ventnor, Charles John Leslie, CVO, formerly of Coutts & Co., devoted husband of the late Winifred and much loved *father* of Dominic. Service at Shalfleet Parish Church, Isle of Wight, on Monday 19th July 1993 at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Earl Mountbatten Hospice *c/o Henry Ingram & Sons* (Ventnor) Ltd.

JOHNSON MARSHALL - After a long illness Professor Emeritus Percy Johnson Marshall C.M.G. on 14th July 1993 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, sadly *missed* by his wife April and his family. A Service will be held on Thursday 22nd July in the Main Chapel Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, at 3 pm to which all friends are *invited*.

MAYHEW - Robin, peacefully *at home on Thursday 15th* July in Southern Spain. Husband of Sue. Much loved father of Robert, Anthony and Sarah. Adored *grandfather* of Emily, James, *Francesca*, Jules, Gavin, Fia, Louisa, Georgie and Hugo and beloved great-grandfather of Huckleberry and Indigo.

McCOOLA - *On July 11th in* the Ashgate Hospice and of Buxton, Rosaleen McCoola B.A. Funeral enquiries to Hattersleys, tel: (0246) 232820. R.I.P.

MILNER-SMITH - Barry, much loved husband of Jenny and father to Richard, Claire, Edward and Maya, died peacefully at home July 13th 1993. *Funeral* arrangements phone Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd. (0730) 262711.

MOORE - Suddenly but peacefully at the *Royal* Gwent Hospital on Tuesday July 13th 1993, Lyndon William aged 54 years of Gelligroes Blackwood, Director of Homeplus Ltd, Newport, Gwent. Dearest brother of Howard, Margaret and Moir. Most dear uncle of Ian, Marsha, Cherry and Nigel. Resting at the Ellis Williams Funeral Home. *Funeral Tuesday July 20th*. Service at Siloh Chapel Gelligroes at 2 pm followed by interment at Mynyddislwyn Churchyard at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if so desired may be made to Tear Fund c/o The Funeral Home. 'For I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God' (Psalm 42 Verse 11).

PIPE-WOLFERSTAN - On July 13th, peacefully in a nursing home, Penelope Mary. Funeral at Shalbourne Church on Wednesday July 21st at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Savernake Hospital, c/o Stanley Walter Ltd, F/D, Shalbourne, near *Marlborough, Wilts*.

RHODES - Peacefully on 14th July, Maurice Richard. Dearly loved husband for 52 years of Pamela and father of David, William and Janet. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium on Wednesday 21st July at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

RUCKER - On 14th July 1993 at Morden College, *Blackheath*, Nancy Winifred in her 92nd year. Widow of Charles Rucker, beloved mother of Judy, John, Bobby, James and Jeffrey and dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Ashmore, at 2.30pm on *Friday* 23rd July. *Enquiries to G.E. Johnson &* Son of Shaftesbury, tel: (0747) 52113.

TREVORROW - On July 9th 1993 *after a tragic accident*, Jeremy John Trevorrow, beloved husband of Ho-Sik, devoted father of Samantha and Jemma, grandfather of Sophie, sister of Josephine and *father-in-law of Paul* and Ian. Funeral Service to be held at Bournemouth Crematorium, Strouden Avenue, on 19th July at 3 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Radnor Ward Fund, Salisbury General Hospital, Wilts.

VICK - On July 15th 1993, peacefully at home, Mary Kate aged 102, of Broxbourne. Widow of R.M. Vick M.ch. F.R.C.S. Funeral Service at *St Lawrence's* Church, Church Lane, Wormley, *Hertfordshire*, at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 21st July *followed by cremation*. Family flowers only, donations to 'Save Barts Campaign', St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1A 7CB. Enquiries to Powell Funeral Service, 79 Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, *tel: (0992) 470153*.

WALLBERG - Mai-lis (Karin Maria Elisabet Hedström) suddenly in Portugal on 7th July, widow of Hans Gustav, beloved mother of Haakan, Lisa and Kiki. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium *Friday 23rd July*, family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Stockholm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEIGH-PEMBERTON - Thomas Robert Arnold. A Memorial Service for Tommy will be held on Wednesday 21st July at 4.30pm at St James's Church, Piccadilly. There will be a reception nearby after the service.

IN *MEMORIAM* — PRIVATE

NASSER - Sherrif Rakan. For One Who Left Too Early. "I was angry, at first, that you, so blessed, could risk so much. Had risked, had lost, as though you never believed, considered, that *God may turn away for a* brief moment and allow you to fall out of that Summer Sky." C.H.K. In memory of our beloved Rakan who left us a year ago. From all those who love you and miss you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST computer Wyse Decision Mate Note Book. Substantial reward. 071-494 0003

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

PICTURE Restoration Service. Oils, Watercolours. Collection & delivery avail. (0635) 546888.

BALLOON FLIGHTS

BATH BALLOON Flights and 'Ballooning Breaks'. Phone for *our new 1993 colour brochure* and prices (0225)466888

CASTELL BALLOONS (Raglan) Fly over Monmouthshire. For brochure Tel 0291 690 989

FLATSHARE

A MEWS *hse. Dbl rm charming* hse in cobbled mews W12. Prof *f. £95pw*. 081 749 9164.

CP'HAM Prof M/F n/s O.R. Lge hse. 150 yds tube. All amens. £75 pw inc. David 071 233 7000 *(o)* 071 *627 2951 (h)*.

FLATMATES London's foremost (Est 1970) Professional flat sharing service. 071-589 5491

KENSINGTON Mansions SW5, lux 1st fl dble rm £95 pw, sgle £70. lge sit rm, CH & hot water. Tube 2 mins 071-370 4620.

NW8 2 rms, s/c flat, CH, Prof m/f, sunny top flr, owner there some w/ends. £80 pw + bills. 071-624 1382

SLOANE SQUARE Single room in well-located, furnished shared flat, near Sloane Square tube £350pcm + share of bills,non-smoker. Contact H Green (081 860 9393 - day).

SW4 5 day flat share mod. For fully furn gdn mais. £60 pw plus share bills. 081 674 0498.

WC1 Single/double bedsit. All mod cons £80 pw incl. Deposit £200 071 388 2936(eves).

W8 lux room in period hse all mod cons. Quiet St. Easy pking. Nr tube. Suit n/s prof/exec. £300pcm. Tel: 081-741 2589 *(Mon-Fri aft 8pm)*

FOR SALE

BACK issues historic newspapers. Freephone 0800 181803.

EARLY Gramophones, music boxes, radios, TV's, Records wanted. Tel 071 229 9618

NEW Leather Handbags, brown or black £35. Money back guarantee Tel: 0865 281250.

THE TIMES - 1791-1990 other titles available. Ready for presentation - also " Sundays". £17.50. Remember When. 081-688 6323.

GIFTS

A BIRTHDATE Newspaper. Original. Superb presentations. *Open 7 days a week. Freephone* 0800 908609

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

PIANO SALE! Select from 100's of Upright, Grand and Digital Pianos (new & secondhand). Hire with option to buy from just £20 per month! Markson Pianos. Est.1910. Tel 071 935 8682 with branches throughout London.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

* IT'S ALL AT TRAILFINDERS *

More low cost flights via more routes to more destinations than any other agency.

PLUS

* Up to 60% discount on hotels and car hire *

* The best deals on the world's finest airlines *

42 - 50 Earls Court Road, London, W8 6EJ

Long Haul Flights 071 938 3366
USA/Europe Flights 071 938 3232
1st & Business Class 071 938 3444
Manchester Office: 061 839 6969

Government Licensed/Bonded

ATOL 1458 IATA ABTA 69701

ALL DISCOUNTED Economy, Club, F/class w/wide, Europe, USA, Far East, Australia & many more. Ealing Travel. 081 579 9111, ABTA 77869/IATA. Bonded. Access/Visa.

AMAZED ? *Flights & Insurance*. The World of Travel. Call free 0800 826 026. Ask for ABTA

BARGAIN Holidays & flts. Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Malta, and Morocco, Pan World Hols. 071-734 2562 Abta Atol 1458

BEST deals for Canada, USA, Caribbean, Europe, India, Far *East, Aus/NZ. TTS 081 317* 4589 Open *7 days (9am to 7pm)*

CANADA, USA, S.Africa, Australia, N.Z., Europe. Good discount fares. Longmere Intl. 081 655 1101. ABTA 73196

COSTCUTTERS on flights & hols to Europe, USA & most destinations. Diplomat Travel Services Ltd: 071-730 2201. ABTA 26705 IATA/ATOL 1355.

GERMANY Daily low cost flights. Tel 071-836 4444 Visa/Access. ABTA/AITA.

LOW Fares Worldwide - USA, N/S America, Australia, Far East, Africa. Airline Appt'd Agt Trayvale, 36 East Castle Street W1. 071 580 2928 (Visa Access)

PORTUGAL. All areas, villas/apts., hotels, pousadas, golf hols, flights. Longmere Intl. 081 655 1101. ABTA 73196

YOU have tried the rest, *now try* the best! Lowest Fares Worldwide Guaranteed. Special Deals for First/Club Class, all major credit cards accepted. Crystal Travel 071-830 0600 IATA.

LONDON

AVAIL. Kensington/Hampstead Luxury serviced apts. Tel 081 451 3094 Fax 081 459 4422.

RENTALS

A.M.A. INTERNATIONAL Luxury flats for long, short or holiday lets. Mayfair, Marble Arch and Hyde Park. 071 724 4844

ACE LONDON FLATS W1/2/8 SW1/3/7 & NW From £200pw Exec Homes 071 724 9919

ALLEN BATES & CO have a selection of furnished flats, 1 bedroom upwards in Central London area. Available *for lets* of 1 week plus. From £250pwplus. 071-436 4666.

ARE YOU visiting London? Central Estates have numerous flats and houses available from £200 pw. 071-491-3609.

BARBICAN Unfurnished apartments for rent. Rents from approx £12,000pa which include all services and background heating. Daytime call 071 628 4848 or 071 628 4341 *Evenings call 071 628 4372*

BARNES to let furnished immaculate 2 bedroomed house. Telephone, CH. £950 pcm. Tel: 081 579 7634 or 0705 467474.

BARNES lovely flat lge dble bdrm k&b big lnge GCH roof patio. £595 pcm. 081-748 8532

BATTERSEA conveniently situated large 3 bedroom mais, luxury kitchen, own entrance, £187 pw. Tel 0424 830650

CHISWICK Mod spec 6 bed 3 bath unf hse. F/f kit, gdn conservatory, close BR & tube *£600pw* Drury 071 379 4816

COVENT GARDEN Very spac period 2 bed flat, fully furn & equip, newly dec, close tube *£350pw Drury 071 379 4816*

COVENT GARDEN Light and very spacious 2 dble bedrm flat, period furnishings, excellent cond. £280 pw. 081 340 0842

FW GAPP (Management Services) Ltd Require properties in central, south & west London areas for waiting applicants. Tel: 071-243 0964.

HARROW ON HILL 2 lovely *flats in Regency Mansion* from £125 pw. Owner 081 998 0021

FREE LIST
Shares/Studios/flats & houses
All areas. £50pw-£1,000pw
071 713 7134
PROPERTIES OF THE DAY
Brnsly sh £95 071 413 3118
E10 sh £60 081 556 6040
N1 sh £60 071 359 9982
N2 sh £44 081 906 1108
N8 stdo £80 081 363 9656
N10 3b £290 081 952 8033
N12 3b £208 081 579 9988
N13 sh £50 081 886 0411
NW1 3bd £275 0233 812106
NW3 2bd £275 081 445 2313
NW10 2b £125 081 455 9604
SE5 sh £63 071 701 4673
SE10 4b £312 071 252 0743
SE11 std £110 0323 728891
SE15 4b £130 081 771 8412
SE23 3b £165 081 293 5931
SE22 4b £200 0274461080
SE25 5b £320 081 852 9429
SE26 sh £65 081 654 0404
SE26 2b £110 081 699 8602
SW1 sh £90 071 828 8807
SW1 1bd £138 071 834 4849
SW10 2b £425 071 370 1660
SW10 1b £195 071 352 1438
SW14 5b £680 081 878 2170
SW15 2b £174 081 874 9209
SW16 1b £99 081 653 5549
SW17 sh £50 081 767 3448
SW17 rm £75 081 672 3457
Wldng 3b £185 0483 772866
WC1 2bd £180 071 405 9481
W1 2b £240 071 724 3391
W5 2b £145 0895 442302

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

OBITUARIES

BASIL PARRISH

Basil Brockett Parrish, CBE, former director of the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, and general secretary of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, died in Aberdeen on June 28 aged 71. He was born at Guilden Morden, Cambridgeshire, on March 25, 1922.



IN THE late 1940s fisheries research entered a new phase after a period of near dormancy during the war. Among the first postwar biologists to be recruited, Basil Parrish joined the staff of the Scottish Home Department's Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen in 1946.

After education at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys, he took first-class honours in zoology at Reading University in 1944. He then entered Bomber Command to do operational research and spent some time in Italy at the end of the war.

In Aberdeen he found a very different laboratory from the fine building and facilities and the large staff that exist today. Much of the year was spent at sea under extremely uncomfortable conditions and the laboratory was cramped and primitive by present-day standards. Basil Parrish quickly established himself as an energetic and effective fisheries biologist.

Although the foundations of theory for managing fish stocks through knowledge of the dynamics of fish populations had been laid in prewar days, the new fishery equations of Beverton and Holt introduced fresh lines of thinking on a much more quantitative basis. It was Parrish who played a prominent role in applying these new methods to the Scottish fisheries.

In particular he was concerned with the way in which major fish stocks might be sub-divided for management purposes. He was interested in the survival of the young stages of commercial fish and how mortality (and so the level of recruitment to the fishable stock) might be influenced by the effect of the prevailing wind carrying these young stages away from their nursery grounds. He was also involved in the investigation of the responses of fish to trawl nets on the sea bed, in attempts to improve the efficiency of capture.

Parrish moved swiftly up the hierarchy at the Marine Laboratory, at that time directed by Dr C. E. (now Sir Cyril) Lucas. The laboratory grew rapidly in size and reputation to become one of the best known of the world's fisheries laboratories. As a section and team leader, and then deputy director, Parrish played a significant role in that growth, becoming director himself in 1970, and remaining in post until 1982.

He always took a special interest in fisheries research at the international level, notably in his work at the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) in Copenhagen. With 18 member states, including most European countries, the United States and Canada, ICES is a major force in planning and executing fisheries research, as well as providing advice on management to the governments of the member countries. Parrish was in turn chairman of its herring committee (1958-62), its statistics committee (1962-66), the influential consultative committee (1967-70), and vice-president (1973-76) and president (1976-79). He also convened several symposia and working groups. It was no surprise therefore that he should be appointed general secretary of ICES when the position fortuitously became vacant in 1983.

On his return to Aberdeen in 1989 he was appointed scientific consultant to the Scottish Fishermen's Federation. This astute appointment came as rather a surprise to some of his ex-colleagues. Although the analogy of gamekeeper turned poacher is inappropriate, he did find himself advising the party that used to be on the other side of the negotiating table. That he should have been of value to the industry was partly a measure of his broad interests and wide experience but also signified the urgent need for the industry to have expert advice during highly political negotiations on the carving-up of limited fish stocks between nations.

Like many scientists of the 1940s and 1950s Basil Parrish did not work for a higher degree but he was awarded an honorary DSc by Aberdeen University in 1984. Previously he had been elected FRSE in 1961 and appointed CBE in 1978. He had interests outside his work, especially in sport and was a keen golfer and a fine cricketer. He had the distinction of playing for a combined universities team at Lord's during the war. He captained the Aberdeenshire side for some years and was president of the Scottish Cricket Union and a member of the MCC.

Basil Parrish's many friends from Britain and overseas will remember him for his warm, very likeable and extrovert personality. He had an excellent temperament in trying circumstances. He also had a special rapport with foreign scientists and many visitors to Aberdeen, as well as his colleagues, will remember the generous hospitality that he and his wife provided on so many occasions.

Unfortunately, a tragedy in their life was the untimely and unexpected death of their son Phillip. Basil Parrish is survived by his wife Hilda, and one daughter.

ARCHIMANDRITE SOPHRONY

Archimandrite Sophrony, a Russian Orthodox monk, died at the Orthodox monastery of St John the Baptist at Tolleshunt Knights, near Maldon, Essex, on July 11 aged 96. He was born in Moscow on September 22, 1896.



A RUSSIAN monk with outstanding gifts, Archimandrite Sophrony was revered as a spiritual guide for his profound insight and sympathy, and respected for his forthrightness. He was the author of books which have become spiritual classics, and his influence radiated for a quarter-of-a-century from the Orthodox monastery of St John the Baptist which he founded in 1959.

This Essex monastery, housing a community of monks and nuns of many nationalities directly under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople, gradually acquired, under his dynamic leadership, a high reputation as a centre of Christian spirituality and a school of iconography, to which visitors flocked from many countries. Characteristically, it began in poverty and never appealed for funds; but spontaneous support enabled it to pursue a broad programme of construction.

The son of a Moscow merchant, Sergei Zacharov was a cultivated man who studied art in Moscow, but emigrated in the 1920s and settled in Paris. There his talents as a painter, in the abstract style, won him a certain recognition.

A born mystic, in his adolescence he had been drawn away from his Orthodox background into the transcendental meditation of the Orient, but in Paris he began to rediscover a deep Christian faith and in 1928 this led him to abandon his career as an artist and resort to Mount Athos, where, as a monk, he was renamed Sophrony.

At the Russian monastery of St Panteleimon he became the devoted disciple of a simple monk, Father Silouan (Silvanus) who was recently canonised. For a time Sophrony was the monastery's librarian but in 1938, after Silouan's death, he withdrew to live the life of a hermit. After several years of solitude he transferred to a cave near the monastery of St Paul, where he became confessor and spiritual guide. He had been ordained deacon in 1931 and priest during the second world war.

After the war, however, Sophrony left Mount Athos and returned to Paris. Hoping to found a monastic centre in the West, he tried to establish a community in the outer suburbs at Ste Genevieve des Bois; but this was unsuccessful, so he transferred to England.

In France he had produced in Russian his first book, a tribute to the life and teaching of Father Silouan. Rosemary Edmonds, who helped him to settle in Essex, made an English translation of it which was published as *The Undistorted Image* (1958) and again in two parts, as *The Monk of Mount Athos* (1973) and *Wisdom from Mount Athos* (1974); it has also appeared in seven other languages.

He followed this, in collaboration with the same translator, with *His life is mine* (1977), and in 1984 he brought out in French (*Voir Dieu tel qu'il est*) a remarkable account of his own spiritual experience. An English translation *We shall see Him as He is* was published in 1987.

Latterly, Sophrony's health and need for solitude had forced him to hand over the administration of the monastery to one of his helpers, but he continued to the end as spiritual guide of his community and of many others. He leaves behind him the spiritual centre he founded and also the memory of a gentle figure who was also endowed with a kind of prophetic boldness.

JO FRANCE

Jo France, founder of the famous Parisian dance-hall Le Balajo and rebuilder of the Moulin Rouge, died in Nice on July 12 aged 81. He was born in Paris on Christmas Day, 1911.

JO FRANCE came from very humble origins, for his mother was a washerwoman and his father a labourer. He went on to become one of the *rois de la nuit* in Paris where his club, Le Balajo, the revived Moulin Rouge and his huge café on the Boulevard St Michel attracted famous names of show business.

France's first job was as a layer of marble, but he always wanted to move into the entertainment world. He did so in his teens opening a tiny cabaret called the Bastoche in the Rue de la Lappe just behind the Bastille square in the east of the city. He then opened another, the Bal Vernet, in the same street and then came the Balajo in 1929. France was all of 18-years-old, the youngest dance-hall owner in Paris.

The Rue de la Lappe at the time was dangerous territory, the haunt of thieves who lurked in the doorways to rob the rich and famous who in the evenings liked to go "slumming", or *s'encanailler*, in the dark street.

The new club, or *bal musette*, was decorated in baroque style by the painter Henri Mahe who had previously decorated the celebrated Moulin Rouge music-hall in Montmartre.

The Balajo, where France sang and led the entertainment, was an immediate success. This was partly because the tall, handsome France had caught the eye of the most famous music-hall artiste of the epoch, Mistinguett, who incorporated the Balajo and a Bastille motif in the decor for her show at the Casino de Paris.

When she started going to the Rue de la Lappe, the success of the Balajo was assured.

The dance-hall, with its period atmosphere a mixture of theatre and circus, became a magnet for devotees of the tango and waltz. Among the regulars were the film star Arletty, famous for her role in Marcel Carne's *Hôtel du Nord*, and another star, Jean Gabin and his mistress Marlene Dietrich.

France re-opened the Balajo after the war when he helped launch Edith Piaf. It was there that she celebrated her wedding to the boxer Marcel Cerdan, then world middleweight champion.

Piaf also appeared at the Moulin Rouge which France had rebuilt in 1951.

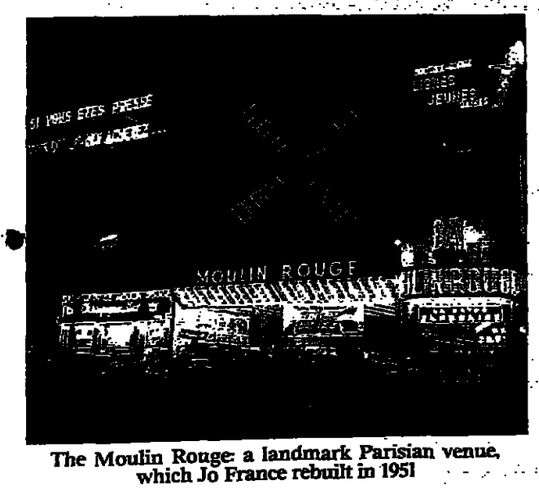
He continued the music-hall tradition dating back to the days when Henri Toulouse-Lautrec was the most famous customer. Piaf was a regular but other notable nights were those for the children's charity, Petits Lits Blancs, which attracted the French President René Coty, Bing Crosby and others.

When France sold the Moulin Rouge in the 1960s, the new owners changed the show to an American-style revue but kept the *cancan*.

France's other major interest was the large café, Le Capoulade on the Boulevard St Michel, when this famous thoroughfare in the Latin Quarter was lined with cafés, brasseries and clubs.

Today the Capoulade has disappeared to be replaced by a clothes-store.

France retired to the Riviera. He is survived by his wife and three sons.



The Moulin Rouge: a landmark Parisian venue, which Jo France rebuilt in 1951

JOHN LAWRENSON

John Lawrenson, baritone, died on July 5 aged 61. He was born in Fleetwood, Lancashire, on March 5, 1932.



JOHN LAWRENSON's rich baritone voice has been familiar to radio listeners since the conductor Sidney Torch created the radio programme *Friday Night Is Music Night* (which also features the BBC Concert Orchestra). He made well over a thousand broadcasts and, for a while, had his own programme on BBC Radio 2 on Sunday evenings.

Lawrence followed the usual boyhood patterns of his time, going to local elementary and secondary schools and, to make a little extra pocket money, getting himself a job as a paper boy so that he could afford to buy some basic woodworking tools. Woodworking turned out to be a lifelong hobby. School was followed by National Service in the RAF after which he joined a firm of electrical engineers. He was very friendly with the tenor, John Mitchenson, who was attending the Royal Manchester College of Music at the time. Together they would go for "after education musical weekends" sponsored by Lancashire Education Authority.

Realising Lawrenson's vocal potential (he was the youngest ever winner of the famous Blackpool Rosebowl in 1953), Mitchenson had persuaded him to audition for the Royal Manchester College of Music. He was accepted, and studied with the great Frederick Cox for three years gaining an enduring technique which brought out the beauty and timbre of his naturally-resonant voice. He was a contemporary at the RMCM with the pianist, John Ogden, and the singers Joseph Ward, Ann Robson (Gradwell), Jean Reddy, Ronald Frost, and Gwyhn Gwyalchmai Jones.

Lawrenson continued his singing studies for a short time at the London Opera Studio, and made his operatic debut with Touring Opera 1958. After this company was taken over by Sadler's Wells Opera company, he was engaged by them to sing roles such as the Count in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Wolfram in *Tannhauser*, Tonio in *Il Pagliacci*, Valentine in *Faust* and Marcello in *La Bohème*.

Eric Robinson with his unerring eye for youthful talent had already realised Lawrenson's ability by this time and the singer regularly appeared on Robinson's famous programme, *Music For You*, singing extracts of leading operatic roles with such outstanding artists as Victoria De Los Angeles, Anneliese Rothenberger, Hilde Gudden, and Mary Costa.

Lawrenson built a repertoire of several hundred folk songs and arias and he established a considerable concert career singing in Holland, Norway, and Sweden as well as all over the United Kingdom and Ireland. He also sang for the late American President John F. Kennedy and several members of the American administration during a visit to the United States in 1964.

He was working up to three weeks before his death. He leaves a wife Jenny, a son and two daughters.

WILLIAM SHIELD

William Shield, accountant, and chairman of Hearing Concern, died on July 8, aged 74. He was born on June 9, 1919.

BILL SHIELD came from North Yorkshire and from the age of seven had to cope in a hearing world with no useful hearing himself. His parents always insisted that he persevered in communication by lipreading — not by manual signing — which enabled him to achieve many interesting goals later in life.

He became a brilliant exponent of lipreading, always encouraging others to practise the art by his example. He was a man of vision and, despite his many frustrations at having such severely impaired hearing, he worked constantly to improve conditions for other sufferers. His school life must have been difficult but he progressed to become a fellow of the Society of Company Accountants.

Hearing Concern, formerly known as the British Association of the Hard of Hearing was formed in 1947, and Bill Shield was actively involved from its earliest days. He was a member of the Hearing Concern national council for most of his voluntary working career and many national annual conferences were his sole responsibility. He introduced Hearing Concern's National Day of Thanksgiving — now 40 years in existence — and did much work in finding and training volunteers to become advisers, working with hearing-impaired people and statutory bodies in the areas where they lived. Annual training courses were part of this venture.

To keep abreast of national policy in social services, Shield was a representative for many years on the handicaps committee of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations and in 1981 was a member of the Prince of Wales's Year of the Disabled committee.

The educational weekends Shield organised each year at East Hampstead Park were well attended. He believed that the hearing-impaired had a right to participate in hearing and learning about interesting subjects with the use of all possible means of communication equipment. Hearing Concern awarded Bill Shield an honorary life membership in recognition of his outstanding voluntary work for the charity. He was also a trustee.

In all Bill Shield's endeavours his wife Marjorie, who survives him, was his constant support — his "ears" for telephone contact and lipspeaker in other difficult situations.

Arnaldo Escalona

ARNALDO E. ESCALONA, an early leader of the Cuban Communist party who fell out of favour with Fidel Castro and fled into exile, died on June 15 aged 82.

Escalona, joined the Communist party in 1927 and served as a public defender after Castro took power in 1959. But he was kicked out of the court system in 1963 for defending counter-revolutionaries, ousted from the party in 1968 and imprisoned for eight years. He became disillusioned with Marxist ideology once he saw it becoming an instrument of tyranny. But he was always a dissenter and a rebel at heart, and would never have achieved high office in the Castro government.

While serving his prison term, Escalona joined a group of intellectuals who created what is now the human rights movement in Cuba. He and his family left Cuba during the 1980 Mariel boatlift and lived in exile in Miami.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda Felipe, and his children Arnaldo, Sonia and Ingrid, all in Miami, and Natacha and Ruben, both in Cuba.

ON THIS DAY

July 16 1935

At this gathering of former British and German soldiers Hitler knew what he was talking about: he had served on the Western Front in the Great War and had been wounded and gassed.

S.S. were drawn up outside the memorial. After this had been inspected Sergeant-Major Clive bore the British Legion banner within the shrine, while the bands struck up the song "Vom guten Kamaraden." The wreath laid by Major Fetherston-Godley was of Flanders poppies with ribbon in the blue and gold of the British Legion, and bore the inscription, "A tribute from the British Legion — July, 1935."

This evening there was a simple and impressive ceremony at the British War Prisoners' Cemetery, situated in the midst of pine woods at Stolnsdorf, where 1,167 British soldiers were reburied after the War. Detachments of the ex-Service organizations, S.A. and S.S. had formed up around the Cross of Sacrifice and the Stone of Remembrance. Behind the Stone were Colour parties of the S.A. and S.S. and on the other side of it numerous standard bearers.

The ceremony began with an intercessory address by a Lutheran pastor. Cavalry buglers from Potsdam played a lament while Major Fetherston-Godley laid the British Legion's wreath, which was identical with the tribute to the German dead at the War Memorial. The German wreath of oak leaves, was laid by Baron von Lersner, the leader of the Reich Association of Former War Prisoners. At the word from Baron von Lersner, members of the ex-Service organizations, boys of the Hitler Youth and girls of the League of German Girls, laid a scarlet rosebud beneath each of the 1,171 headstones.

At a luncheon for the delegates given by Herr von Oberlindober, Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassader-at-Large, made a plea for international conciliation through the former Front Fighters. Major Fetherston-Godley, in his reply, said that the British had fought the Germans only once and they, the representatives of the British Legion, hoped there would not be a repetition.

RECEPTION BY THE FÜHRER

From Our Own Correspondent

BERLIN, July 15

The British Legion delegation was received today by Herr Hitler, who had returned from Bavaria last night. Herr Rudolf Hess, the Führer's deputy, who is undergoing treatment in the country for an old skiing injury, came especially to Berlin to be present. The five delegates, who were accompanied by Herr von Ribbentrop, Herr Oberlindober, the Head of the Nazi War Victims' Service and an S.S. leader, stayed with Herr Hitler for an hour and a half. The Führer was eager to know the sectors of the front on which each had fought, and this led to an exchange of War reminiscences. He told them also how warmly he welcomed their visit and how much value he attached to international cooperation between ex-Service men.

Before their visit to Herr Hitler the delegates laid a wreath on the War Memorial in Unter den Linden. This ceremony was watched by a crowd of some thousands, who cheered the delegates and gave them the German salute. Detachments of the German ex-Service organizations and of the S.A. and

PERSONAL COLUMN

RENTALS

HENRY & JAMES Contact us now on 071-235 8861 for the best selection of furnished flats and houses to rent in Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Chelsea.

HOLLAND PK S/C hsrn flat with own entr, 1 dble & 1 sgle rm. £276 pw. AV insmd. 071 689 3477 Ex 5161 / 081 845 8505

ISLINGTON. Executive Flat. Two beds. Large sitting room. High quality furnishings. £260 pw. Phone 044 063 275.

RICHMOND HILL (proper). Lux 1 bed flat. Beautifully dec. suit non smoker prof. £175pw excl 081 940 6265.

SW1 & mins Vict, quiet lux flat with pkng. 1 bdrm (2 twin beds), bthrm, recep/kit/din, D/w, frge, freezer, phone, TV, vdo/str, gch. Non Smoks. Prof. £180 pw. 081 748 4122 day, eve/eve 081 748 5319

SERVICES

PLUMP PARTNERS National Dating Agency If you are plump or prefer a plump partner ring 0582 715909

RESEARCHER available. Suit author/journalist. Tel/Fax 0344 776167

THE ULTIMATE in small, made-to-measure marriage bureaux! (S.T.M.) Est. 1960. Katharine Allen, 16 Thayer St, London W1M 5LD. Tel: 071-935 3115

TICKETS FOR SALE

TICKETS FOR SALE

When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment. Most sports tickets are subject to strict re-sale and transfer rules.

TICKETS FOR SALE

ALL TICKETS

Madonna, McCartney, FA Charity Shield, Inxs, U2, Prince, Pyxus, Phantom, Sunset, Joseph, Crazy For You, All pop, sport & theatre

071 323 4480

ALL AVAIL. Phantom, Sunset Blvd, Madonna, U2, Prince, all cricket 071 490 6185.

ALL Sold out events, Sunset, Phantom, all theatre & sporting events. Tel 071 287 2701/9 Fax 071 734 0660.

ALL TICKETS. Phantom daily, Les Mis, Cats, Sunset Blvd, Sat: gen, Crazy For You. 071 706 0555 or 0366

ALL TICKETS, Wimbledon, Sunset Boulevard, Phantom, U2, Crazy For You. 071-935 0088/930 0800 CCs Accepted.

ALL TICKETS. All theatre, sports, and concerts available. 071 437 1353.

ALL TICKETS Sunset, Phantom, Les Mis, Saigon, U2 VIP seats, Joseph, Cats, 071 497 1407 -

ALL TICKS Phantom, Sunset & all other sold out events. Tel 071 839 0363 Fax 071 839 4367.

CITY TICKET BROKERS offer anything, theatre, sport & concerts Tel 071 621 9893 (City)

LAST NIGHT Proms theatre, pop sport. Tickets bought & sold. Top prices paid 071 497 2538.

PROMS Best seats, 2 front stalls, many nights still available. Prices as catalogue. Private sale. For further details phone: 0730 821082 or 0483 63881

WANTED

ALL CROCODILE Articles. Old leather, hippo, iguana etc wanted 071 229 9619.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

How near we are to the cure... ...depends on you.

LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND

43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ 071-405 9181

Kidney Research Saves Lives

Please help with a donation now and a legacy later

NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH

NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH FUND

Dept TT, Archers Court, Bunloy Rd, Hunlington, Castle PE18 6XX. Registered Charity No 252662

DON'T TAKE YOUR KIDNEYS TO HEAVEN HEAVEN KNOWS WE NEED THEM HERE

and PLEASE, PLEASE leave a little something in your will for

The British Kidney Patient Association

Bordon, Hants, GU35 9JZ

Tel 0420 472021/2

Reg Charity No: 270288

B.K.P.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANTATION THEIR ONLY HOPE

Life saving treatment is known but unavailable through lack of funds and donor kidneys to thousands of Britain's kidney patients.

Please help us grant a reprieve for some of them this year.

Donations to:

THE BRITISH KIDNEY PATIENT ASSOCIATION Bordon, Hants

Church Army

Working throughout the UK to provide care for the homeless and elderly; support for young people; chaplaincy work in HM Prisons and HM Forces. Contact: Gordon Kinley, Church Army, Independents Road, Blackheath, London SE3 9LG. 081-318 1226 Ext 225. Church Army is the Anglican Church's best kept secret!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKINSON'S DISEASE CAN BE ANYBODY'S DISEASE

YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE IT NOBODY'S DISEASE

You needn't be famous. Men and women all over the world suffer from Parkinson's Disease. There is no known cure. Researchers need your help. So do more than 100,000 sufferers in this country alone. Please send a donation, a covenant or leave us a legacy. You can even phone your donation by Access or Visa to 071-383 3513.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA. Tel: 071-383 3513

Old and Fit NOT Old and Sick

Help us make old and fit a fact of life

A donation now and a legacy later, please

RESEARCH INTO AGEING Dept TT, FREEPOST, London EC4B 4AD (formerly British Foundation for Age Research)

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION THE HEART RESEARCH CHARITY

We're leading the fight against heart disease by funding research into its causes, prevention and treatment. Please send a donation to your regional office (see Yellow Pages) or to the British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH

CAR RENTAL & LEASING

Vaughan Freeman examines the changing shape of an industry which has learnt valuable lessons from the recession

Revving up for recovery

When the nation's economy sneezes, the company car business catches a cold. So it is no surprise that when the economy is a regular patient in intensive care, the fleet car business has been slipping in and out of consciousness for the past two years.

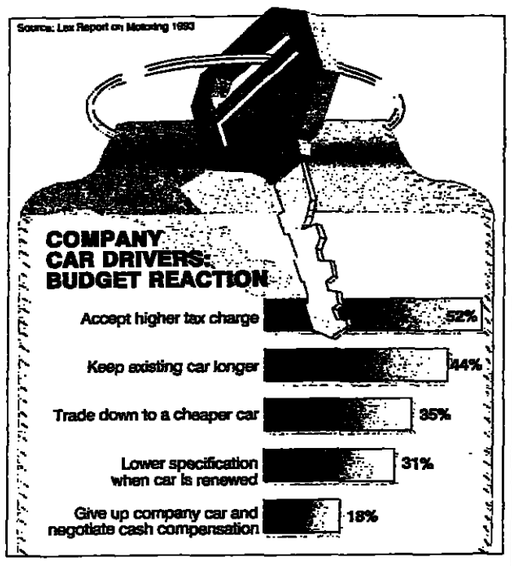
Now that the economy is being wheeled gently around the recovery ward with a faint bloom of health on the cheek, company-car executives are looking for signs of full health in their invalid trade.

The question is: what form will the recovery take and will the industry revert to its old character or, having learnt the lessons of recession, come back with different priorities? It is little wonder that one of the most influential company car reports this year, from Hertz Leasing, was cryptically entitled "The Company Car — Survival or Revival?"

New car sales dropped from a record high of 2.3 million in 1989 to 1.6 million both last year and this year, and company-car purchases — accounting for half the new cars bought in Britain — reflected that decline. The reason was simple: companies found that modern cars lasted well and that businesses could save cash by pushing their fleet replacement cycles to as far as five years and 100,000 miles rather than the usual two years/40,000 miles. Last year, a third of employers delayed renewing their fleets, according to a 1993 MORI survey for Lex Vehicle Leasing.

Even organisations that thought they were pulling out of the recession are loathe to rush back into car-buying. So far this year, new car sales are 9 per cent ahead of the same period in 1992, but Colin McLean, the chairman of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association's leasing committee, believes it is retail customers, not companies, who are back in the market.

Surveys indicate that those companies that are buying, or planning to buy, will go for smaller cars, that the perk car could disappear and that in-fleet vehicle life cycles will lengthen.



The key is that the company car cannot be displaced because 80 per cent of companies consider the car a crucial working tool, without which repair engineers, sales representatives and a myriad others could not do their jobs. The problem then is how to run fleets most economically.

One trend has seen a shift from outright purchasing towards contract hire, leasing and rental. At the same time, reports show that a third of organisations expect to provide employees with smaller cars that are more fuel and tax efficient, and to keep the cars longer.


Belief: Colin McLean

This year's Budget proposals, effective from next April, will penalise perk drivers of expensive limousines and those in two-litre vehicles valued at just under £19,250. Research in June by Stoy Benefit Consulting for VAG UK found that 75 per cent of low-mileage perk cars were under review.

Almost half the companies questioned said they were considering offering employees a cash alternative, a quarter were looking at some kind of flexible deal, while a further quarter were considering scrapping the company car altogether for executives.

Options being considered among the higher-echelon company car users include renting a car when it is necessary, or taking cash instead of a car. VAG, the VW-Audi Group which commissioned the Stoy Benefit Consulting report, used its findings to come up with Solutions, its flexible finance plan which can include fixed-cost maintenance, insurance and extended warranty and is relevant for private and ex-company car users.

If one listens to what company car users and providers say, the company car of the future is likely to be smaller and have a longer life-cycle in the fleet, while the perk and prestige car may disappear.

The reality, says Mr McLean, is different. "Far from downsizing in light of the Budget changes, drivers in two-litre cars are in fact considering upgrading to similar cars with bigger engines, such as 2.3-litre or 2.5-litre diesels.

"As for the perk car, the association has found a number of companies offering cash rather than a car. There is only a 10 per cent take-up, usually among people working in the City who have a reasonable public transport system."

If there is a message, it is that recovery will be slow. The good news is that people like cars, and have to have them. They may be reluctant to change the type of car they drive, but can adapt quickly to other ways of financing it.

Les Stoners and Les Havers are in the car hire business. One will provide a K-reg Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit for £799 a day, the other an A-reg Renault 5 for £11 — "with a discount for longer hire".

They illustrate the diversity of British car hire, which an increasing number of companies and self-employed people are utilising to keep the wheels of commerce spinning during the recession.

Mr Stoners is the general manager of the Avis chauffeur and executive hire division in Mayfair, London.

He can provide Rolls-Royces, Mercedes-Benz sports cars, Porsches and Range Rovers for the hunting and shooting set, as well as other executive cars such as BMWs and Jaguars.

He says: "This end of the market is virtually recession-proof. Companies and individuals will always need cars such as these for special occasions, and many people also hire sports cars to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

"We are still finding, however, that if you want to make a real business impression, it is best to turn up in the back seat with a chauffeur up front."

Mr Havers, by contrast, operates from his home in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, and provides much more mundane transport through Hire-A-Heap, the company that he started one year ago.

As a Renault-trained mechanic, he has built up a stock of old but roadworthy Renault 5s and 9s in partnership with a friend who is in the painting and decorating business. While he spends his time under the bonnet, his father, Phillip, helps with the paper work.

He says: "What we offer is basic but reliable transport at a rate that ordinary people can afford. They have to provide their own insurance, which keeps away the young joy-riders.

"We also now have many regular customers who are just seeking a simple reliable car to get them over a period when their own car may be off the road or has been borrowed by another member of the family. A typical customer might be a local shopkeeper whose own car has been in an accident and simply needs wheels to get back and forward to the cash-and-carry to keep his business running.

"Our cars may be somewhat older than you can get from the big fleets but they are thoroughly reliable and roadworthy and certainly cost much less to hire."

However, there will always be someone wanting to hire the type of car that even the giants of the business such as Avis do not have at their disposal.

That is where Modena Performance Cars can step in. From its Birmingham premises, Modena can provide a Honda NSX supercar, just like the one Ayrton Senna drives on his day off, for £276.15 a day or £1,603.88 a week. A Porsche convertible or a Lotus Turbo can be hired at the same rates, and for £599.25 a day or £3,783.56 a week, a red Ferrari Testarossa with near 200mph performance can be hired. The only condition is that the hirer must be over 27 to meet the insurance company's demands.

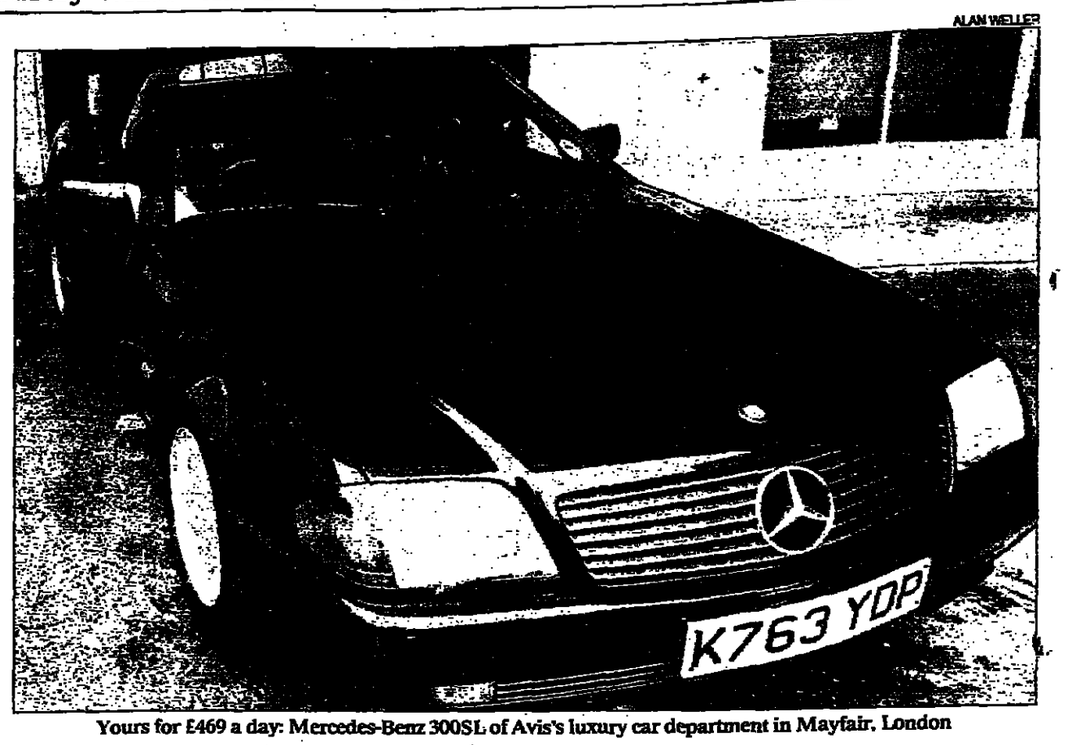
Steven Goodall, the owner of the company, says: "Obviously, the one thing in common that our customers have is that they are rich.

"Many are overseas visitors who want to hire such a car when they arrive in Britain and many are owners of other performance cars who want to make a more thorough comparison than they could with a demonstrator before they change their cars. We also do a lot of business with companies that use such cars during promotion events. But in the past year the recession has bitten and business has not exactly been booming."

DAVID YOUNG

● *Avis Chauffeur and Executive Hire Division 071-917 6703; Hire-a-Heap 0733 311590; Modena Performance Cars 021-773 0470*

ALAN WELLER



Yours for £469 a day: Mercedes-Benz 300SL of Avis's luxury car department in Mayfair, London

Any model you want

Put out a contract on your fleet

COMPANIES are increasingly casting around for alternatives to the traditional route of buying their own fleets of cars and then hiring staff to administer and service them, all of which adds up to a drain on capital, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Regardless of the size of the fleets, the prime objective in finding other ways of running fleets has been for companies to free capital while maintaining a fleet of modern, reliable and presentable vehicles. As a result, interest in contract hire, and in leasing nearly-new, rather than new, vehicles, is burgeoning.

The use of contract hire has risen by 11 per cent, according to the recent Hertz Leasing company car report. Forty-six per cent of companies said that they would consider low mileage, nearly new, cars for all or part of their fleet.

The Hertz survey showed that 44 per cent of companies running fleets now include contract hire among the methods by which they acquire cars, compared with 35 per cent in 1992. Stephen Barrett, the Hertz general manager, says: "Decision makers are tired of having to cope with the vagaries of the market at both ends (purchase and sale) of the cycle."

Andy Johnson, general manager (sales) of British Car Contracts, estimates that a company with a 50-vehicle fleet, would have to lay out a capital investment somewhere in the region of £500,000 to establish its own fleet. By switching to contract hire, the same company can open a new line of credit, freeing the capital for use elsewhere and can fund its contracted vehicles on a monthly basis out of revenue.

The key to the contract package is the fact that it is tied to predictable monthly costs, with firms paying a fixed monthly rental for each vehicle supplied. This package can include routine maintenance and servicing, road fund licence, breakdown and recovery, and accident management. This allows a replacement vehicle in the event of a mishap.

The second valuable element for the company is that it rids itself of the lottery of vehicle acquisition and disposal. Tax benefits, too, are considerable. A vehicle that is hired is eligible for tax relief. Rentals of vehicles priced under £12,000 are fully allowable against corporation tax, as is the major proportion of rentals of higher priced vehicles.


Driving force: Swan's contract hire business is up 12 per cent

Len Clayton, general manager of Swan National Leasing, says that his organisation's contract hire business is up 12 per cent. "Over the past six to nine months especially we have seen more companies coming round to the idea of contract hire rather than outright purchase. They have realised it is not an easy business buying cars, forecasting residuals and so on, and some have had their fingers burnt. They are realising that buying a car and running it as part of a fleet is a professional job and, like many things, are out-sourcing their vehicle supply."

Another option offered by Hertz Leasing is the opportunity to rent nearly new rather than brand new vehicles at savings of up to 30 per cent. The saving comes about because a significant proportion of the depreciation, which would have to be passed on to the Hertz customer, has already been written off. Hertz's Leasesaver scheme has been boosted by the recession as firms look to cut outgoings while still running fleets.

How to finance company cars. Free.

To buy or not to buy? To finance - and, if so, how?

To finance your vehicles, you need answers to tough questions like these.

And here they all are.

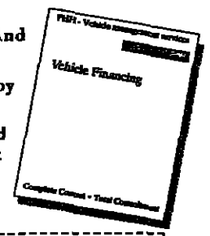
"Vehicle Financing" is a 20-page guide to all the options, helping you choose the best solutions for your company.

It's endorsed by the independent Institute of Car Fleet Management.

It's simple. It's clear. And it's free.

For your complimentary copy phone 0793 884444.

Or, clip the coupon and send it to PHH - Vehicle management services, Marketing Department, Windmill Hill, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PE.



If you need specific answers to current problems please contact PHH for a full consultancy service.

0 7 9 3 8 8 4 4 4 4

☐ Yes please send me _____ copy/ies of "Vehicle Financing", the 20-page guide to all the options and how to choose the best. The guide is free.

Name _____

Position _____

Company _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Fleet size _____ Policy review date _____

Current acquisition method(s) Purchase ☐ Lease Purchase ☐ Finance Lease ☐ Operating Lease ☐ Contract Hire ☐ Contract Purchase ☐ Other ☐

PHH Vehicle Management Services
Complete Control - Total Commitment

ADTTFF0793

MORE CAR-LESS RENTAL

From the U.K's newest and brightest Daily Car Rental Company.

Be it Rover, Ford, Vauxhall, Peugeot, Nissan or Seat
Petrol or Diesel
Saloon, Hatchback, Estate, MPV or 4 X 4.
We have the finest selection of cars available.

We believe the service offered to our customers to be, like our vehicles, first class.

We offer competitive corporate rates and special low weekend packages:-

Call our Corporate Sales Manager, Maurice Burke, on 0908 375034 to discuss your specific needs.

EUROPEAN Car Rental

The only thing that responds quicker



is us

Since 1963, Ford Credit has been growing. Growing by responding to the needs of our customers.

- When Ford wanted a specialised contract hire company, Ford Credit launched Ford Contract Motoring. We are now the largest Ford contract hire fleet in the UK.
- When your vehicle needs servicing, we have the largest Dealer network in the UK to respond to your needs.
- And, when you need a quotation, over 90% are given inside one hour.

Ford
Ford Contract Motoring
Leading the Market by Example
For all your Contract Hire needs call 0277 692543
Written quotations are available on request. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Finance is provided subject to status.

Family cars often stand idle during weekdays — so why not simply hire a car at weekends? **Vaughan Freeman** reports

New deals to attract the private driver

While companies ponder the wisdom of buying, maintaining and selling at a loss car fleets that are used only from Monday to Friday, private motorists who commute by public transport during the week are wondering why they own cars they use *only on Saturdays and Sundays.*

As a result, retail leasing or renting for private motorists is becoming more popular compared with outright purchase.

Rover's new Select deal is typical of the sort of finance package now available. Rover Select asks customers for an initial deposit of between 15 per cent and 30 per cent, followed by a two-year monthly repayment agreement. At the end of this time, customers can either trade in the car at an agreed minimum price for a new model, pay a set sum and keep the car, or return the car with no more to pay.

The main attraction to customers is the relatively low deposit and monthly repayments. BMW's Select programme provides a 316i for £270 a month. This compares with the cost of buying a Rover Metro *on hire purchase* £280 a month.

If there is a drawback it will be seen only when the first schemes come to fruition and customers must decide whether to make a payment worth roughly half the car's price new to take ownership of the vehicle, or to walk away owning nothing. To judge from the success of such schemes in America, it is likely they will catch on here.

For the city centre dweller especially, a car is a worry, sitting unguarded on the street, depreciating by the minute and subject to theft and casual driving damage.

Paul Batchelor, general manager of British Car Rental, says: "Within the inner city, among motorists who use public transport during the week, we have seen a trend towards renting over the past ten years. The *dramatic increase in* crime is the biggest single factor driving people to question the value of owning a car they use only between Saturday morning and Sunday night."

Renting on a regular basis can offer enormous savings. Mr *Batchelor says.* "We *estimate that it* costs £8,277.63 to buy and keep an average-price car on the road for a year, compared with approximately £4,550 for hiring a similar size car every weekend of the year. Financially, someone would be better off not owning a car but hiring one when they need it."

Renting also offers flexibility. Few families can afford a car for all seasons, and the mini town car is impractical when grandparents arrive for the weekend.

At the same time, those who usually clank around town in a 12-year-old car realise it makes sense to hire something more reliable and comfortable for occasional longer journeys.

The growth in retail rentals is confirmed by Stephen Jones, Hertz UK's marketing director. He *reports that in the first six months* of this year there has been a 50 per cent increase in Hertz rentals for weekends. Daily rentals are up by 25 per cent, while corporate rentals are up 10 per cent in the year to June.

Renting among companies will *also rise, the industry believes.* Mr Batchelor says that "perk" car drivers whose limousines are doing less than 2,500 business miles a year and will see their personal tax liability on the vehicle rise under the new Budget changes from next April, could well consider renting the Jaguar or BMW 7 Series for longer business trips when comfort is important.

The corporate rental is of particular use to companies who find one of their vehicles out of action through an accident, but here, too, the recessionary pressures are playing a part.

Mr Batchelor adds: "The economy is still very vulnerable. So while firms may be taking new people on and want to provide them with a car, they do not want to commit themselves to buying one. So they *rent on a 28-day basis.*

"This means that if the new employee doesn't work out or the recovery softens again, they are able to get rid of the car and not face the huge depreciation bill on a car that is just a few months old."



After-hour renting: Stephen Jones, Hertz UK's marketing director, says there has been a 50 per cent increase in car rentals over the weekends, and a 25 per cent rise on the ordinary weekday

Company cars keep their shine

Few drivers switch to the cash option

WHEN it comes to status symbols, nothing quite beats a new company car. Despite attempts by the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, to tax company cars more heavily, the mass switch to paying employees extra cash and telling them to buy their own vehicles has not occurred — *at least, not yet.*

Bob Rider, managing director of Masterdrive, a contract hire company, says: "We have found that in the status symbol sector of the market, the switch to benefit-in-kind taxation from next April is having a negligible effect. When chairmen come to look at the new L-registration models this will not be an issue."

However, Andy Johnson, general manager (sales) at British Car Contracts, says *many companies* are still assessing the cost of providing vehicles compared with cash alternatives. "Many employees could choose the cash option and decide to use their own car on company business, but they may find the cash alternative is much less than expected and is subject to tax. Running a car is costly."

John Brown, chairman of the Finance and Leasing Association's motor finance group, says: "Another factor is *the company image. It is to be* expected that an employee buying his own car will consider his own financial position and preference more important than the company's presentational requirements. He may, for example, go well down market or buy an unreliable vehicle. Is this what the company wants?"

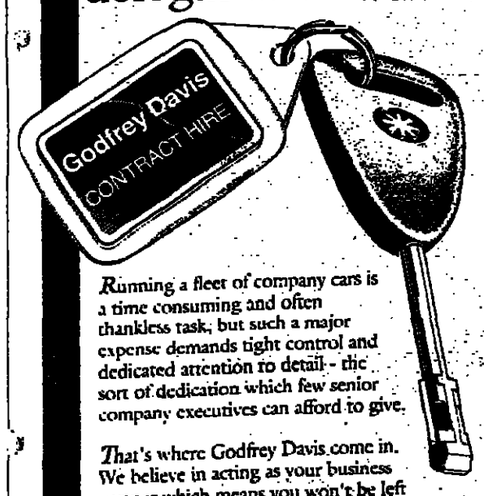
For many employees considering the "hand back keys" option, the expense of long-term borrowing and the spiralling cost of insurance may be the two deciding factors for keeping the company car.

The individual also lacks the buying power of the fleet purchaser. Mr Rider says: "The individual buyer cannot do a deal to knock the price of a new car down in the way that a bulk buyer can. If the buyer needs credit, the finance houses will not offer special deals. Finding the best finance will take a lot of effort."

For the employer, a company car provides a number of advantages over the cash alternative. A vehicle can be used as an essential part of the remuneration package to attract and retain high calibre staff. This is particularly important as the economy comes out of recession.

RODNEY HOBSON

The key to successful management is delegation.



Running a fleet of company cars is a time consuming and often thankless task, but such a major expense demands tight control and dedicated attention to detail - the sort of dedication which few senior company executives can afford to give.

That's where Godfrey Davis come in. We believe in acting as your business partner which means you won't be left stranded as soon as the deal is closed, and you can be sure your fleet will run smoothly.

Others may well seem cheaper at the outset, but will you pay for it in the end? Find out more about the first class service from Godfrey Davis by returning the coupon or by calling 081 950 0950.

Godfrey Davis

Please send me details of the Godfrey Davis fleet service
Name
Position
Company
Address
Existing fleet size
TT
Godfrey Davis (Contract Hire) Ltd,
Tryford House, High Street, Rushey, Watford, WD2 3XX
Company cars are our business

"Like thousands of others, I thought I'd miss running a car on the company.

Then along came Audi Solutions. Now I look like I run the company."



Never has an Audi been so accessible. Never have the benefits of a purchase scheme been so wide and varied. For your Audi Solutions information pack, call us free at any time on 0800 55 44 33. Or fill in the coupon and post it to: Audi Solutions, Freepost MK424, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 9BR.

TITLE INITIALS SURNAME I EXPECT TO REPLACE MY CAR DURING YEAR MONTH
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
ADDRESS
POSTCODE TEL
From time to time we or our authorised dealers may contact you with news of our products and services. If you do not wish to be included in these promotions, please tick this box. ☐

Audi Solutions

NEWS

Major stakes future on treaty vote

■ John Major will next week take the biggest gamble of his political career by turning Thursday's vote on the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty into a test of his leadership.

The prime minister is making a personal appeal to Conservative MPs to defeat final attempts to derail the treaty or impose the social chapter on Britain, but he is far from certain of succeeding ..... **Pages 1, 2, 7, 16, 17**

Ministers lied over arms sales to Iraq

■ Foreign Office ministers misled Parliament over the government's policy on selling arms to Iraq and deliberately kept from the public a decision to ease restrictions on arms deals with the Baghdad regime, *the Scott enquiry has been* told. Ministers and officials agreed to the change favouring Iraq after the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war ..... **Page 1**

Jobless fall

The fifth successive monthly fall in unemployment prompted the prime minister to declare that the recovery was gathering pace. But Norman Lamont said in a Commons intervention that he took credit for the economic turnaround ..... **Pages 1, 21**

Files are opened

Personal files held by government departments including the police and education authorities are to be thrown open for inspection. People will be able to examine their own including criminal records and details held by social security ..... **Pages 1, 7**

£7m diamond raid

Three armed robbers raided the Hatton Garden workshops of a leading jeweller and escaped with *stones worth up to £7 million in* one of the biggest diamond robberies in Britain ..... **Page 1**

Labour conflict

John Smith's claims of a clear victory over the trade unions on reforming the Labour party's internal democracy began to unravel as two large unions denied they had agreed to the party leader's most controversial reform proposal ..... **Page 2**

Art dispute solved

A dispute over who should inherit an £8 million art collection, which includes Monet's *View of Westminster Bridge*, was resolved by a *High Court ruling that at it* should be shared by the late owner's three children ..... **Page 3**

Croat towns shelled

Several key towns in Croatia were shelled yesterday, prompting fears of a big Serb offensive and the start of another war in the former Yugoslavia. *The International* Red Cross is evacuating personnel from potential flashpoints ..... **Pages 1, 11**

UN Somalia row

Italy is ready to send a senior diplomat and military officer to Somalia to try and damp down a fierce row over the conduct of the Italian United Nations peacekeeping force. There have been calls for the removal of General Bruno Loi, the commander of the 2,400 strong Italian contingent ..... **Page 10**

Clinton praised

President Clinton's swift move to *double federal aid for the flooded* farmlands of Iowa and his visit to the state at the centre of America's worst flooding disaster for years have been his most popular actions in office ..... **Page 10**

Cuban democracy

President Castro has said that democratic reforms will eventually come to Cuba. "There is no right and no wrong way to go about ruling", he said .... **Page 10**

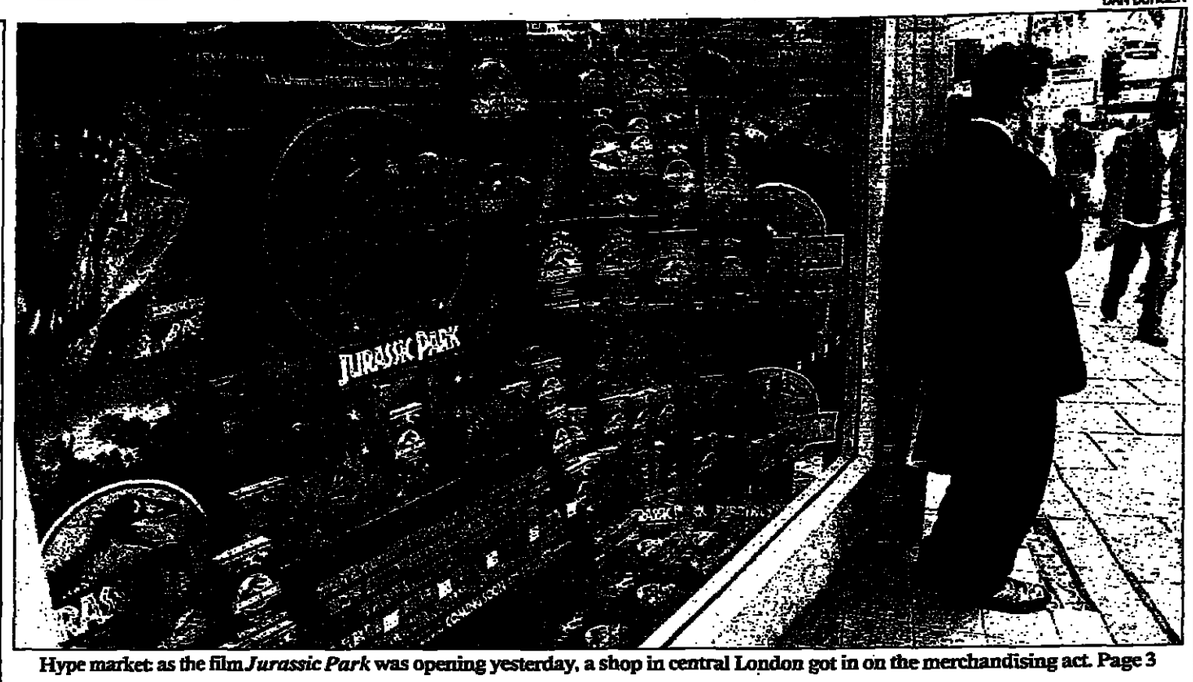
Yeltsin troop pledge

President Yeltsin is to send more troops to the Tajik-Afghan border after the killing of 25 Russian soldiers, making it clear that he *regards Central Asia as within* the Russian sphere of influence ..... **Page 9**

Elephantine ways of British spying

■ Details of British intelligence operations from the 17th century to the Edwardian era disclose a perpetual wrangling over money by spies and a constant flow of madcap ideas from political chiefs on how to spend secret service funds, such as the shipping of an elephant from Bombay to Abyssinia to buy influence at the court of the emperor ..... **Page 6**

DAN BURGEN



Hype market: as the film *Jurassic Park* was opening yesterday, a shop in central London got in on the merchandising act. **Page 3**

BUSINESS

ERM turmoil: The French franc came under intense selling pressure after the Bundesbank announced key interest rates would be left unchanged. Sterling fell1.01 pfennigs to DM2.5682 and 1.10 cents to $1.4895. The FT-SE 100 index ended 0.6 lower at 2,831.7 ..... **Pages 21 and 24**

EBRD verdict: The troubled European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will disclose details of a critical report into the activities of Jacques Attali ..... **Page 21**

Asda options: Asda's chief executive has been granted options on two million shares but the supermarket chain must meet stiff targets ..... **Page 23**

SPORT

Golf: Mark Calcavecchia, Greg Norman, Peter Senior and Fuzzy Zoeller were sharing the early lead with a score of 66 in the opening round of the Open championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich. Tournament favourite Nick Faldo shot a 69 ..... **Pages 38, 40**

Cricket: The most enduring Test cricketer the world has known broods over his future and the view of his team as bullies. Alan Lee talks to Allan Border, the Australian captain ..... **Page 35**

Motor racing: The governing body of Formula One racing has banned hi-tech suspension and traction-control systems used by the sport's most successful teams ..... **Page 36**

FEATURES

Tully on the BBC: "Too much nuts and bolts, not enough heart and soul." Valerie Grove talks to the man whose blast this week has shaken the portals of the corporation ..... **Page 13**

SPECIAL REPORT

Car Rental and Leasing: The customer can spend £799 a day (Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit) or £11 (Renault 5, *A-reg). But how is the day-to-day* industry learning from the recession? ..... **Pages 18,19**

NOTED

Virgin on the floppy: Branson takes to personal computers ..... **Page 27**

ARTS

Secrets within: A National Gallery exhibition of "pictures in pictures" brings together works by the likes of Degas, Vermeer and Lotto, that incorporate other paintings, often for symbolic reasons ..... **Page 29**

Very late Pirandello: The Italian *playwright was working on his last* play, *The Mountain Giants*, on his deathbed. Now it has been completed by Charles Wood and performed at the National Theatre ..... **Page 30**

Sons and daughters: Chastity Bono, daughter of Sonny and Cher, and Dweezil Zappa, son of Frank, are just two scions of famous rock families who have gone into the music business ..... **Page 31**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Garry Kasparov, who defends his world chess title against Nigel Short this autumn, could be in line to play Bobby Fischer
Page 4



Clare Latimer, the caterer, settled her libel case against *Scallywag*, but John Major's action against the magazine will contine
Page 2



Steve Wyatt, Texas millionaire and friend of the Duchess of York, is to marry Cate Magennis, an official of Virginia state
Page 10

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Wobbles at the White House

■ Haircuts, homosexual soldiers, hordes of attorneys-general ... the first six months of Bill Clinton have piled one political disaster on another. Ben Macintyre wonders whether hope can be restored

The lost generation emerges

■ Alice Thomson on the so-called lost generation of twentysomethings who are emerging from the shadows to make a mark in media, politics and arts

Grease, or is it just gross?

■ Benedict Nightingale's verdict on the new West End staging of *Grease*, with an Australian soap-opera star stepping into John Travolta's dancing shoes

TV LISTINGS

With his usual mixture of clowning and erudition, David Bellamy goes in search of medicinal plants. Trust him to find them in unlikely places. *Blooming Bellamy* (BBC1, 7.30pm) ..... **Page 39**

OPINION

Chapter of accidents

Tory managers, who like to see politics as a pendulum by which popularity inevitably returns to those who wait, are beginning to think that a different metaphor is in order, a knitted square of unravelling wool ..... **Page 15**

Whitehall's door

With his white paper on open government, Mr Waldegrave has not opened Whitehall's door. He has propped it ajar — an encouraging step forward ..... **Page 15**

Too Shaw to be dead

The man who devoted his life to provocation and to breaking the moulds of British thought would be tickled pink to have his little museum in Dublin. But his clever, perverse, brilliant words are his truest memorial ..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Nobody, as far as I know, has solved the puzzle of how one man, plainly mad from the start, managed so to hypnotise a mighty nation that he could ruin its entire potential and destroy many millions of human beings on a whim ..... **Page 14**

ROY HATTERSLEY

Time after time, Labour leaders have acquiesced in mistakes because they knew that the union would push the wrong policy through conference. Next in line is, I suspect, Sunday trading — which is clearly right ..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

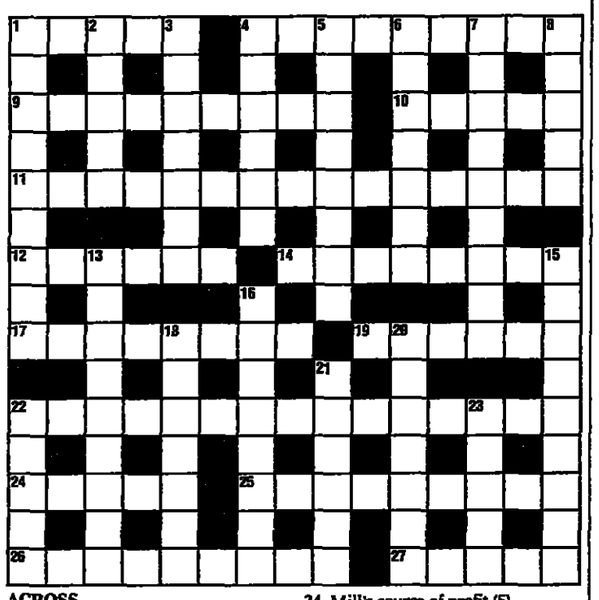
Professor Michael Zander, who served on the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, writes of fundamental misapprehensions about its proposals on the right to trial by jury ..... **Page 15**

OTHER PAPERS

Nigeria's military rulers will keep holding elections until the people learn to vote as their rulers expect
— New York Times

Other countries took some centuries to build a climate suitable for constitution writing. Russia has no time
— Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,284



ACROSS

1 Half-heartedly cleaned up the bike (5).
4 Church worker initially empowered to employ a singer (9).
9 Youths ridicule their leader entering the plant (9).
10 What effrontery, including 16 in this! (5).
11 Behaving badly, they lose stardom — we've heard it all before! (3,4,3,5).
12 Awards for thus reversing vehicles (6).
14 Sleeplessness of one accommodated in broken-down mansion (8).
17 Old soldiers sometimes rose to its defence (4-4).
19 Room for ten horses in front here (6).
22 PM given animal, for instance, by noted old farmer (6,9).
24 Mill's source of profit (5).
25 Frank's way of escaping oral (9).
26 Coach going round River Yare's source makes double-crossing, say (9).
27 Magistrate with a rough-sounding male partner? (5).

DOWN

1 Short-lived young canine, possibly? (4,5).
2 A doctor in training in the services (5).
3 Unending wish to contain father's depression (7).
4 Gary the barrel-maker (6).
5 Left in a lake, perhaps, like caustic soda (8).
6 Flap *leads to curtailment of* race meeting in Mexico (7).
7 A French composer died traversing the same plain (9).
8 Try always to understand directions (5).
13 A bloomer in *commedia dell'arte* (9).
15 Keeping away from girl in county church (9).
16 Player engaged on a sliding scale, *perhaps?* (8).
18 Distraught female was in charge of movement (7).
20 A staunch colleague, they say, for a cavalryman (7).
21 Empty-headed creature in a corrupt place (6).
22 Most suitable claim (5).
23 An Asian ruminant raised to provide a joint (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,283

S	A	I	L	E	S	M	A	N		D	E	V	I	C	E
T	O		A	N		O		I		E				
R	U	B	I	T	A	N	I	A	N		T	A	L	E
A		O		F		U		A		A		E		
F	I	N	A	N	C	I	A	L	T	I	M	E	S	
E		O		E		T		E		I		T		
D	O	R	O	T	H	Y		C	L	A	N	G	E	R
		T		E				L				R		
A	T	H	W	A	R	T		F	O	R	F	E	I	T
	E		I		B		L		E		N		A	
	D	E	C	L	I	N	E	A	N	D	F	A	I	L
I		H		V		V		T		D		L		
H	O	P	I		O	U	T	O	N	A	I	M	B	
	U		T		R		U		P		N		O	
E	S	C	A	P	E		G	R	E	E	N	E	R	Y

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code.

Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Glouces,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Heralds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and road-works information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE traffic, roadworks

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736

National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

Tourist Rates appear on page 24

NOT ALL HOLIDAY STOPS ARE PICNICS
Car breakdowns abroad can ruin your holiday. But WPA Motoring Travel Plan means assistance is available wherever you are.
Make sure with
WPA
Health International
For immediate cover ring
081-680 6808

WEATHER

England and Wales will have a cloudy and misty start with outbreaks of rain. Brighter weather with showers and sunny intervals will follow, reaching southeast England by mid or late afternoon. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with blustery showers, but there may be sunny intervals. The showers will be heavy at times. Outlook: sunny intervals and showers on Saturday. Rain on Sunday, becoming brighter with showers later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	33	91	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	27	81	f
Amst'dm	17	63	r	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Athens	26	79	f	Mexico C*	22	72	f
Bahrain	38	97	s	Miami*	29	84	t
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	28	77	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	21	70	c
Barcelona	26	79	s	Moscow	19	66	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Munich	17	63	r
Belgrade	26	79	s	Nairobi	19	66	f
Berlin	17	63	c	Naples	25	77	f
Bermuda*	31	88	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Biarritz	24	75	s	N York*	31	88	s
Borde'x	28	82	s	Nice	23	73	c
Brussels	18	64	c	Oslo	21	70	f
Budapst	21	70	r	Paris	22	72	f
Cairo	30	86	s	Peking	28	82	c
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Perth	-	-	-
Chicago*	24	75	f	Prague	18	64	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Reykjavik	14	57	f
Cologne	17	63	r	Rhodes	26	79	s
C'phagn	17	63	f	Rio de J	23	73	f
Corfu	27	81	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Dublin	20	68	c	Rome	25	77	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Salzburg	15	59	r
Faro	27	81	s	S Frisco*	19	66	s
Florence	25	77	f	Santiago*	17	63	s
Frankfurt	19	66	c	S Paulo*	13	55	d
Funchal	23	73	f	Seoul	27	81	c
Geneva	25	77	s	St'kholm	19	66	f
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	c
Helsinki	19	66	c	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Innsbruck	17	63	f	Tenerife	28	79	s
Istanbul	23	73	f	Tokyo	28	82	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	23	73	f
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Karachi	33	91	c	Valencia	23	84	s
L.Palmas	24	75	s	Venic'ver*	16	61	c
Le Touet	17	63	f	Venice	24	75	f
Lisbon	29	84	s	Vienna	20	68	r
Locarno	25	77	s	Warsaw	21	70	f
L.Angels*	22	72	c	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Luxembg	17	63	r	Wel'ngton	13	55	f
Luxor	39	102	s	Zurich	20	68	r

* denotes figures are latest available

POLLEN FORECAST

Scotland low to moderate; N Ireland moderate; Wales moderate; South West moderate, North moderate; East Anglia moderate; Midlands moderate; South East moderate; London low to moderate.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.69in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.4hr.

ACROSS THE REGIONS

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Anglesey	4.7	0.28	19	66	bright
Aviemore	1.0	-	14	57	cloudy
Belfast	3.2	0.41	20	68	rain
Birmingham	2.3	0.22	22	72	bright
Bournemouth	4.1	0.11	21	70	shower
Bristol	3.0	0.25	20	68	bright
Buxton	0.4	0.48	17	63	shower
Cardiff	1.4	0.27	19	66	drizzle
Clacton	2.4	0.48	22	72	bright
Colwyn Bay	3.1	0.28	20	68	rain
Cromer	3.6	0.23	18	64	bright
Edinburgh	-	0.08	14	57	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	0.14	14	57	rain
Glasgow	0.3	0.06	15	59	rain
Guernsey	1.0	0.14	19	66	cloudy
Isle of Man	4.5	0.17	18	64	rain
Jersey	1.0	0.17	18	64	drizzle
Kinloss	1.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Leeds	-	0.25	18	64	drizzle
Lerwick	1.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Liverpool	1.4	0.24	18	64	rain
London	2.1	0.23	23	73	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.69	19	66	rain
Manchester	0.6	0.57	19	66	rain
Morecambe	-	0.38	17	63	rain
Nottingham	0.3	0.50	19	66	shower
Penzance	5.4	0.06	20	68	sunny
Plymouth	1.7	0.03	18	66	drizzle
Silscombe	3.4	0.15	20	68	bright
Sandown	1.7	0.19	19	66	cloudy
Staunton Snd	1.2	0.32	17	63	rain
Scarborough	-	0.30	14	57	drizzle
Scilly Isles	3.1	0.09	19	66	bright
Southsea	4.0	0.32	20	68	rain
Stornoway	5.9	-	17	63	bright
Teignmouth	1.5	0.01	21	70	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.54	14	57	rain
Torquay	3.1	0.03	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	1.5	0.05	19	66	bright
Wick	5.9	-	13	55	bright

These are Wednesday's figures

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.41 pm to 4.32 am
Bristol 9.50 pm to 4.42 am
Edinburgh 10.17 pm to 4.19 am
Manchester 9.58 pm to 4.30 am
Penzance 9.56 pm to 5.00 am

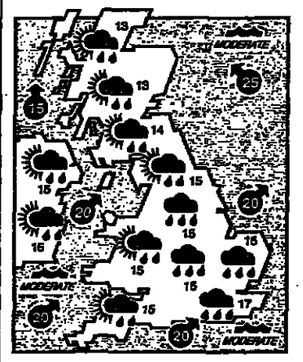
Sun rises: 5.02 am
Sun sets: 9.11 pm
Moon rises: 1.57 am
Moon sets: 6.39 pm
New moon July 19

EUROPE

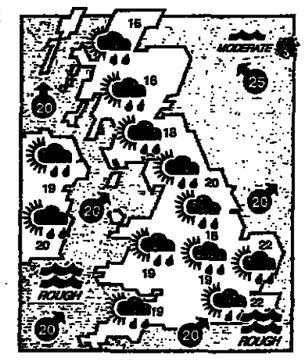
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	17	63	c
B'mingham	19	66	c	Inverness	18	64	c
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	20	68	c
Bristol	20	68	c	London	18	64	c
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'chester	17	63	r
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	15	59	d
Glasgow	17	63	c	R'maway	14	57	r

AM



PM

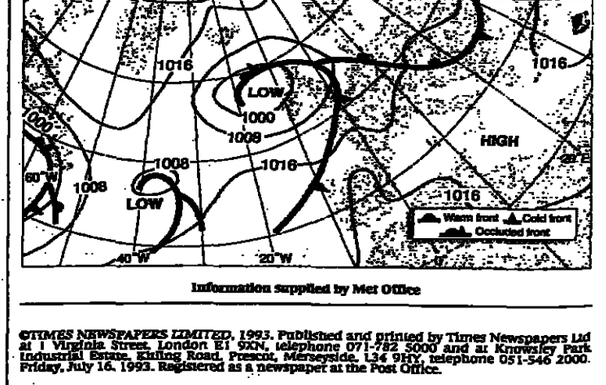


Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

TIDE TIMES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.54	5.9			Liverpool	9.30	7.8	9.58	8.1
Aberdeen	11.46	3.4			Lowestoft	7.45	2.1	8.01	2.1
Avonmouth	5.04	10.5	5.31	11.0	Margate	10.14	4.1	10.39	4.1
Belfast	9.15	2.9	9.44	3.1	Milford Haven	4.21	5.5	4.49	5.7
Cardiff	4.49	9.9	5.16	10.3	Newquay	3.16	5.6	3.44	5.8
Devonport	2.40	4.4	3.17	4.8	Oban	3.27	3.4	3.40	3.2
Dover	9.19	5.5	9.39	5.7	Penzance	2.49	4.4	3.33	4.6
Falmouth	3.10	4.2	3.47	4.4	Portland	3.20	1.4	4.06	1.5
Glasgow	11.33	3.9	11.45	4.2	Portsmouth	8.23	4.0	8.51	4.2
Harwich	10.00	3.4	10.23	3.4	Shoreham	9.28	5.0	9.52	5.2
Holyhead	8.44	4.6	9.15	4.8	Southampton	9.24	3.8	9.41	4.0
Hull	4.29	6.1	4.57	6.2	Stracombe	4.03	7.2	4.31	7.6
King's Lynn	4.40	5.1	5.05	5.2	Swansea	4.22	7.3	4.52	7.6
Leith	12.29	4.5	12.56	4.5	Tees	1.52	4.5	2.13	4.6
					Wilton-on-Nze	9.58	3.6	10.23	3.6

SYNOPTIC CHART



Information supplied by Met Office

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1993. Published and printed by Times Newspapers Ltd at 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN, telephone 071-782 5000 and at Knowsley Park Industrial Estate, Kirkby Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9HY, telephone 051-546 2000. Friday, July 16, 1993. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

PILKINGTON
Reactolite lenses
The outlook is always perfect

هكذا من الأصل



INFOTECH 27, 28

Branson goes into uncharted home computer territory



ARTS 29-31

A closer look at some familiar masterpieces



SPORT 35-40

Border skirmishes all part of the Ashes war of words

ROVER'S DOGGED ROAD TO SUCCESS

Motoring, page 33

THE TIMES 2

FRIDAY JULY 16 1993

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

BUSINESS TODAY

VOTES



Thirty years on, GUS has caught up with fashion. Non-voting shares are getting the vote, as profits rise
Page 23, Tempus 25

FLOATS

Smaller companies are making a summer rush to be listed, but not all of them are suitable for Aunt Agatha
Page 25

REWARDS



Asda is the first company to detail what executives must achieve before exercising their share options
Page 23

THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4895 (-0.0110)
German mark .... 2.5682 (-0.0101)
Exchange index ..... 81.3 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2831.7 (-0.6)
Dow Jones .... 3533.88 (-8.67)*
Nikkei Avge 20158.02 (+18.91)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6-5⅞%
US Federal Funds..... 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.01-3.00%*
Long Bond 6.55%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4885*	£:$	1.4885
$:DM	1.7245*	£:DM	2.5670
$:SWfr	1.5165*	£:SWfr	2.2588
$:Ffr	5.9015*	£:Ffr	8.7710
$:Yen	108.20*	£:Yen	160.91
£:SDR	1.0774	£:ECU	1.3188

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 391.80 ..... PM 392.70
Close 394.00-394.50
New York:
Comex 394.65-395.15*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price.

Attali aides blamed in EBRD auditors' report

By Colin Narbrough

FULL public disclosure this morning of the findings of an audit committee enquiry into the free-spending reign of Jacques Attali at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) will raise the pressure on two key members of the executive committee to step down.

The controversial French president, target of fiercest criticism in the report, decided on June 25 to resign after a highly damaging leak about double reimbursement for a first class flight to the Far East, plus a $30,000 fee he was paid for a lecture in Tokyo.

The most severe criticism directed at other key EBRD figures is against Anders Ljungh, the Swedish vice-president for finance, and Pierre Pissaloux, M Attali's French director of cabinet. He was also responsible for the bank's corporate planning and budget until the EBRD came under fire earlier this year.

An external audit by Coopers & Lybrand, ordered by the EBRD governors in April, forms the core of the audit committee report. It attacks the poor control of spending on the refurbishment of the bank's £55 million Broadgate headquarters and on 40-plus private jet flights.

The report draws particular attention to the absence of a tendering procedure for the architectual work at Broadgate, which went to Jean-Louis Berthet, a Frenchman. The bank's art collection, its top-of-the-range furnishings, and the £750,000 cost of replacing Travertine with Carrera marble, are all attacked. Expenditure on premises abroad, especially a Paris office, is also questioned.

On top of its strong criticism of the excessive use of private jets from Air Enterprise, a French firm, the report addresses M Attali's purchase of four luxury cars in his two years in office and delayed reimbursement of his £22,000 nightclub bills. Most of the serious criticism concerns matters already made public and much of the blame for lax financial management is awarded collectively to the directors and the executive committee.

The EBRD's 23 directors will meet this morning to "take note" of the report before it is released to the press.

The board will respond to the report next week, just as the deadline for submitting candidates for a successor to M Attali expires on July 21. Sources close to Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, last night denied press suggestions that Jacques de Larosière, France's candidate, and governor of the Banque de France, was not a serious contender. "The EBRD is a French initiative. At the time, we exchanged the location of the bank for its presidency. It's a pity that M Attali didn't work out so well, but we're confident that M de Larosière will," the official said, adding "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

Franc lives to fight again

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE Bundesbank yesterday left its key interest rates unchanged, despite this week's intense pressure on the French franc. The French currency survived the day relatively intact, however.

It closed at about 3.4150 to the mark, still close to its 3.4305 floor in the exchange-rate mechanism, but no lower than the levels that had prevailed in the run-up to the Bundesbank meeting. Selling pressure focused on the Danish crown, forcing the authorities to raise interest rates, and on the Spanish peseta.

Foreign exchange dealers remained nervous about the franc's prospects in the weeks ahead. French companies are being damaged by the government's *franc fort* policy and have been heavy sellers of francs this week, though the extent of their selling appears to have been masked by the Bank of France.

According to banking sources, companies wanting to sell francs have been encouraged to come directly to the central bank rather than sell in the open market.

The current position is similar to Britain's conundrum last autumn: the French cannot, politically, raise interest rates. But yesterday, there were several reasons why the franc was let off relatively lightly. First, the markets still believe the Bundesbank will cut official rates, probably at its next meeting on July 29, and can also ease down the repurchase rate.

Second, as Glenn Davies of Credit Lyonnais Securities points out, unless you believe the franc is likely to leave the ERM or be devalued, there is little to be gained from speculating against it, because it is already so close to its floor.

Tempus, page 25

Jobless total falls for fifth month

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ The number of people out of work last month fell by 7,600 to 2,909,200, the fifth consecutive monthly decline, and the lowest adjusted total for eight months

ACTIVITY in the UK labour market is picking up as part of a sustained economic recovery, the government said yesterday, as it announced that unemployment had fallen for the fifth consecutive month.

With the rate of decline in unemployment appearing to ease, ministers are still braced for increases in the number out of work in the future.

But while ministers have been reluctant to conclude that the reversal of the long upward trend in the number out of work and claiming benefit signalled any real shift in the labour market overall, for the first time they saw a significant move in the jobs market overall yesterday.

Despite a 15,000 fall in employment, David Hunt, the employment secretary, said that "activity in the labour market has clearly picked up". He pointed not just to falling unemployment, but to an increase in job vacancies, a rise in overtime and a reduction in short-time working to pre-recession levels.

He said: "There is a constant turnover of people changing jobs, either directly or following a period of unemployment and that is only part of a deeper, highly encouraging economic picture. The prospects for the UK economy are very good indeed."

However, Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, criticised the still-high unemployment figures and warned especially of their impact on school-leavers. For the Liberal Democrats, Alex Carlile said the trend in falling unemployment was still "disappointingly slow".

Seasonally adjusted unemployment, regarded as the best guide to the trend, fell by 7,600 in June to 2,909,200, while unadjusted unemployment — the actual number of people out of work — declined by 51,559 to 2,865,020.

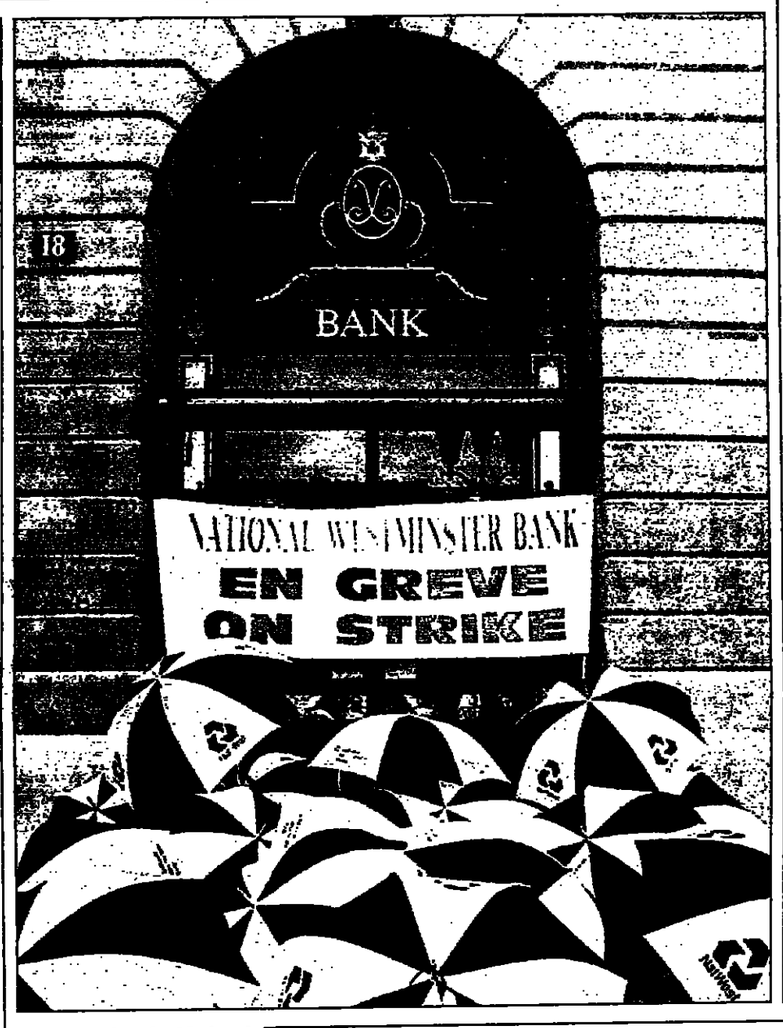
The fall in adjusted unemployment was less than in recent months, but took the total to its lowest level for eight months. Whitehall officials believe it may be an indication of a monthly trend of falls of perhaps about 10,000.

Unemployment has decreased by 83,100 since the jobless total started to fall in January. Most regions saw a decline, although East Anglia, the north and Wales saw slight increases. The biggest decline was in the South East outside London, where it fell by 3,400.

New vacancies notified to JobCentres rose by 1,100 to their highest level for 2½ years, and the employment service placed 140,200 people in jobs, an increase of 11,700 on the previous month.

But with employment still falling, Whitehall officials acknowledge that some people may be moving off the unemployment register either into training, for which the government has produced no new figures since February, or into part-time jobs.

The fall in manufacturing employment taken with the increase in overtime, suggests companies are increasing output mainly by offering more work to existing employees rather than taking on staff. Some employers believe figures due in September will show an increase in part-time working as one explanation for the fall in unemployment.



Position closed: National Westminster staff went on strike yesterday in France in protest against the bank's failure to come up with acceptable redundancy terms. In May, NatWest revealed it was pulling out of branch banking in France after several years of losses to concentrate on investment and private banking. Since then it has been negotiating the phased redundancy of 400 staff. A spokesman said the bank is due to present a draft redundancy package to staff on Monday, so the protest is against the principle. Branches in Paris, Nantes, Marseilles, Nice, Bordeaux, and Lyon were closed, but those in Strasbourg, Lille, Toulouse and Monaco stayed open.

Increase in average earnings falls to 3.75%

By Our Industrial Editor

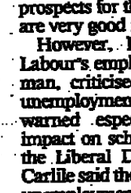
AVERAGE earnings increases fell again in May, pushed down by the government's 1.5 per cent public sector pay limit, according to figures which also showed the largest fall in unit wage costs since records began in 1970.

The employment department figures showed that average earnings increases fell from 4 per cent in April to 3.75 per cent in May. Manufacturing earnings rises stayed at 5 per cent for the past four months, but in the service sector earnings rises fell from 3.25 to 3 per cent. Government statisticians acknowledge that this gap is probably the result of the public sector pay limit.

Improving productivity is probably financing earnings growth, and manufacturing productivity rose by 10.5 per cent in May compared with a year earlier — the biggest increase since January 1980.

In the three months to May, productivity rose by 8.7 per cent compared with last time — the biggest three-month increase since December 1986. This produced a fall in unit wage costs of 5.3 per cent in the year to May.

Statistical and other embarrassments



ANTHONY HARRIS

There are lies, damned lies and . . . seasonal adjustments? Statistical revisions? Stochastic aberrations? Choose you own S-word: they are all evasions for an E-word — embarrassment. In the past week, we have had British figures for prices and output announced which the markets flatly refused to believe, and a revision of retail sales in the United States that has provisionally made fools of all bearish commentators, including myself.

The revision of America's retail sales is the most embarrassing because it is credible. It now appears that real US spending on retail goods went on growing at the first quarter annual rate of 3.5 per cent straight through the second quarter — instead of dropping by about half, as earlier figures suggested.

This is credible because it makes sense of other reports, notably a 4 per cent rise in working hours, which appeared puzzling before. It does not at first sight look consistent with the weak US housing market, or with the big reported fall in consumer confidence; but these are leading indicators for consumer spending, and the whole picture will come back into focus if spending flags in the second half of the year. It will not be so easy, though, to make retrospective sense of all the wise words you may have read here and elsewhere of the economic effect of political weakness and — now that President Clinton is back in favour — how confidence may bounce back and sustain US spending after all, or the discussions of the deflationary effect of talking about tax increases. The US recovery is still weak by the standards of past recoveries, but not hesitant. The phrase "weak and hesitant" will have to be eaten, without seasoning, by a lot of commentators — or applied to our comments instead.

Meanwhile, the idea of the American recovery as a guide to the British future may need to have some time-lags fed in. It is probably true, as we have concluded in the past, that recovery is bound to be slow in a debt-burdened economy, and that the housing market will follow rather than lead any general recovery. But how slow, and how long are the lags?

The upturn started in America more than a year before ours; American interest rates have been allowed to fall much lower; the natural conclusion would be that our recovery will be be a disappointing echo of the American experience.

If Britain does fail to follow the US lead, it is the Bank of England that may face embarrassment. The cause is Governor Eddie George's highly vocal fixation with inflation, though inflation is low and possibly falling in this country. More important, it is still low in the US, where producer prices fell 0.3 per cent in June. This figure is flattered by some unwinding of the high spring food prices; and given the strength of demand, it could prove a low point on the chart. But does that really justify the pessimistic British consensus on inflation?

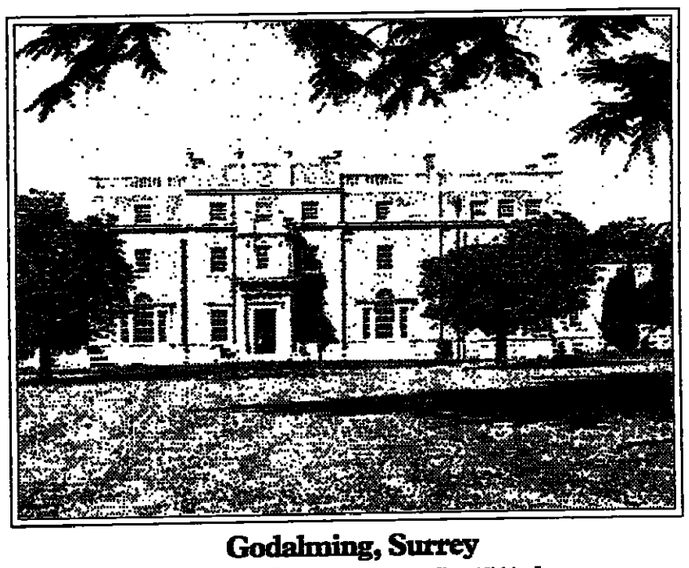
Remember that the US recovery is now in its third year. A huge dollar devaluation, only partly reversed even now, has had six years to feed through to retail prices, but seems to have got lost on the way. Now try to make sense of the efforts of such forecasters as Andrew Britton, of the National Institute, to argue that low British inflation is purely temporary, a reflection of cyclical productivity gains, and no kind of pointer to the future, on account of recovery, devaluation in the pipeline . . . you must know the list by heart.

All the present and prospective red faces I have mentioned owe their blushes to the same thing: excessive reliance on statistics. This works two ways. The figures themselves are not reliable enough to support the conclusions we try to draw from them; but even if they were more reliable, they could still produce bad forecasts.

They are the building blocks of forecasting models, which are bound to treat the present as, in part, a repetition of the recent past. It is a constant theme of this column that such an assumption is likely, at present, to prove a trap.

Finally, remember what the statistics leave out, even when they are accurate: the black economy, which depends heavily on housing; tourism (look at the bargain offers), the spread of part-time working. The official figures are not just inaccurate; they are inaccurate half-truths.

THE
PEPER HAROW ESTATE



Godalming, Surrey

Guildford 6 miles, London 35 miles, M25 (junc. 10) 14 miles, Heathrow & Gatwick airports 35 miles.

GRADE I LISTED MANSION HOUSE IN AN EXCELLENT LOCATION

Recently restored Mansion House (36,000 sq ft) suitable for a number of uses set in Capability Brown parkland.
Listed stable block & 15 further houses and cottages.
gymnasium, swimming pool and ancillary buildings.
Walled garden and fishing on the River Wey.

• ABOUT 43.5 Acres •

For sale as a whole or in lots.

Joint Sole Agents

Lane Fox
15 Half Moon Street London W1Y 8AT
(071) 499 4785
Contact: Mark Wiggin

SAVILLS
INTERNATIONAL
(071) 499 8644
Contact: Henry Richards

Procter & Gamble plans to close a fifth of its plants

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

■ Despite extensive cutbacks and rationalisation, the giant consumer products company insists it is not in trouble, with a growing business and $2.5 billion net cash

PROCTER & Gamble, the world's second largest consumer products company, after Unilever, has announced that it would spend $1.5 billion cutting 12 per cent of its workforce and closing a fifth of its manufacturing plants in the next four years.

News of the aggressive strategy to lower the company's costs — the first in P&G's history — lifted P&G's own shares, but continued to depress Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and soaps group. Unilever's share price was savaged this week when P&G launched a war in the detergent market, cutting the prices of its top sellers, Tide and Cheer.

Of the 13,000 P&G jobs to be axed, 6,500 will be from plant closures and factory mergers; the balance will result from the company's strengthening global effectiveness plan, which is aimed at reducing running costs. P&G employs 106,000 people worldwide and will close 30 of its 147 plants.

Factories will be given between six months' and a year's notice of closure, but a P&G spokesman said no final decision had been disclosed on which would go. In Britain, P&G employs 5,500 people and has five manufacturing plants — in Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, West Yorkshire and Essex.

Of the jobs to be lost under the cost reduction plan, an estimated 3,900 will go in the US and 2,600 elsewhere. The package is expected to save $500 million in the P&G financial year ending in June 1996. The company expects double-digit growth and a $2 billion after-tax profit in the financial year that ended last month. But that will be before special charges of $2.5 billion, $1.5 billion for restructuring and $925 million relating to employee health benefits and deferred taxation.

Standard & Poor's, the US credit rating agency, confirmed its double-A ratings on $6.9 billion of P&G debt. S&P said: "The strength of the underlying businesses, coupled with a relatively strong balance sheet, provide ample support for the rating affirmation. The company has $2.5 billion in cash."

Edwin Artzt, P&G's chairman and chief executive, said: "Our objective is to improve our rate of profit growth, either through improved margins or lower pricing to build volume and share."

He said the restructuring charge should not be considered a sign that Procter & Gamble is in any kind of trouble. "This is definitely not our situation," he said. "We have a healthy, growing business, a strong balance sheet, a very positive cash flow, terrific state of the art products and a well stocked technology pipeline with plenty of opportunities for growth." The company would continue to focus on product innovation.

From next Month, P&G's leading brands — Tide, Cheer, Era, Dreft and Ivory Snow, Ivory dishwashing liquid and Downy fabric softener — will be 3 to 15 per cent cheaper. They compete with Unilever's Wisk, Surf and All.

Meanwhile, analysts have been downgrading profit forecasts for Unilever, which has yet to respond publicly to P&G's declaration of a price war. Unilever's shares have fallen by 25 per cent in the past year. At $52.625, P&G's price was closing on its year's peak by lunchtime in New York. In London, Unilever shares closed at 955p, up 2p.

Last year, Unilever made about a fifth of its sales and 18 per cent of its operating profit in the US. In the year to last month, P&G's sales were split about 50-50 between the US and other markets, but the company earned 70 per cent of its net income from America. In the past ten years, P&G has acquired 79 new plants and closed 24.



In charge: Sir Richard Greenbury says M&S is improving suppliers' profitability

M&S says value lifted sales

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MARKS and Spencer has defied the faltering high street recovery. Sales have risen strongly across the board without discounting below M&S standard prices.

Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, speaking at the group's annual meeting in London yesterday, attributed the rise in sales since the year-end in March to the "outstanding value" campaign, launched last autumn, which froze or lowered prices on all products. He confirmed that the campaign would continue for the foreseeable future, adding: "Improved values lead to bigger sales — which allow lower costs — which in turn lead to even better values. It's called a virtuous circle."

Sir Richard said that the policy had led to improved profitability for M&S and its suppliers.

Growth in clothing sales outstripped the market and both food and home furnishing made solid gains after lacklustre performance last year. In spite of aggressive price competition among retailers, particularly in the food sector, these increases were achieved at full price without recourse to the heavy discounting forced upon some rivals.

M&S plans to increase UK selling space by about 500,000 sq ft.

Tempus, page 25

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Peel aiming to buy out minority MSC investors

PEEL Holdings intends to buy out minority shareholders in Manchester Ship Canal for £30 a share, almost five times the value of the original 1987 bid for the company. MSC owns a 300-acre site at Dumplington, Greater Manchester, where plans to build a shopping centre have run into opposition and a court challenge by Manchester local authorities. Nicholas Berry, former chairman of MSC and 10.1 per cent shareholder, had previously turned down offers for his shares, including a £20.70 bid by Peel for the 18 per cent stake in 1988.

Peel's proposed offer for ordinary and preference shares, which has the support of Mr Berry and is being discussed with independent MSC directors, comprises £23 in cash or ten-year loan notes with the balance payable in a quoted instrument. This is likely to be in the form of zero-coupon loan stock secured on the Dumplington site, expected to have a nominal value of £10.50.

Pension case opinion

COMPANY pension schemes will be able to continue to pay bridging pensions in a way that discriminates against women who have to retire before state pension age, the advocate general of the European Court of Justice said yesterday. Walter van Gerven was giving his opinion in a test case, Roberts v Birds Eye Walls. The advocate general's opinion has no legal effect but is usually followed by the European Court.

Gooda Walker hearing

THE first court hearing into alleged negligence at Lloyd's of London has been set for April 1994, bringing forward the timetable for names on the Gooda Walker syndicates by a year or more. Mr Justice Saville yesterday granted the Gooda Walker Action Group an expedited hearing of its case to take place next April. About 3,000 names are suing the majority of the members' agencies at Lloyd's for alleged negligent underwriting.

Blackland's Fortune

BLACKLAND Oil, the oil and gas company, is making a £26.67 million acquisition that will lead to changes in management and a new name. Blackland becomes Fortune Oil after the purchase of Kingsleigh Group, a Hong Kong oil and petroleum concern. Blackland made a 1992 pre-tax loss of £357,000 (£489,000 loss). The company has not made a profit since it was floated in 1990. It had losses of 3.59p a share (5.28p loss). There is again no dividend.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	119.00	127.20	+0.10	1.16
International	92.21	98.12	-0.05	.54
Dividend Gth	56.55	60.15†	-0.11	4.67
Global Gth Sec	62.40	66.38	-0.04	2.37
Ethical Growth	64.11	68.20†	+0.01	2.32
High Inc Equity	149.30	158.50†	+0.40	4.96
Worldwide Bond	268.70	284.60	-0.10	3.69
Gilts Fixed Int	131.90	139.80	-0.50	5.72
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6681				
Amer Inc Gth	43.64	46.06	-0.07	0.68
European	81.80	86.69	-0.17	...
European Inc	78.27	83.08†	+0.01	1.81
Exempt	901.20	928.30†	+0.30	3.31
Extra Inc	43.83	47.40†	+0.05	4.83
F East Emerg Ec	84.85	91.43†	-0.28	0.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	385.50	412.00	+1.30	3.99
Equity Inc	212.70	227.30	+0.30	4.01
High Yield	237.20	253.50	+0.70	4.04
Balanced	630.80	674.30†	+0.20	2.60
American Inc	49.15	52.54	+0.19	3.06
Wld Asset Val	40.84	43.65	+0.32	1.03
Japan	203.70	217.10	+3.00	0.01
Secs of Am	413.80	440.40	+1.10	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	310.60	330.70	+0.50	2.77
-do- Inc	220.30	234.40	+0.40	2.77
Higher Inc Acc	577.30	614.20	+1.30	3.70
-do- Inc	350.80	373.20	+0.80	3.70
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	179.50	189.50	+0.50	6.03
-do- Inc	94.09	99.38	+0.30	6.03
Nth America	252.70	268.90	-0.70	...
Far East	301.40	320.70	+1.40	0.26
Europe	226.60	241.10	+0.10	0.98
General Inc	424.00	451.10	+1.20	2.48
-do- Acc	465.20	494.90	+1.30	2.48
Brit Excell	62.66	66.66	+0.06	2.79
Brit Fndmtls Inc	68.93	73.33	+0.15	4.69
Brit Fndmtls Acc	88.84	94.52	+0.25	4.69
Global Opps	72.14	76.75	+0.39	0.11
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	246.70	259.70	-1.80	1.37
Capital Gwth	100.80	106.10	...	2.55
Worldwide Opps	150.00	157.90	...	0.60
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.10	112.50	...	2.92
Euro Gth Inc	116.60	123.80	...	1.87
Extra Inc	106.80	114.20	+0.30	4.90
General	239.70	256.40	+0.20	3.01
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.33	61.33	+0.22	8.08
Income	493.50	527.80	+1.10	4.36
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.61	99.35	-0.24	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	123.90	132.50	-0.50	..
Convertibles	52.97	56.65†	-0.05	7.10
Eastern	183.80	197.90	-1.60	1.60
Equity Income	83.53	88.86	-0.06	6.30
European Gth	230.10	244.60	-0.60	1.50
Europe	150.00	160.30†	-0.10	1.50
Exempt	83.56	85.76	...	3.60
German Growth	61.25	65.16	+0.07	0.70
Global Growth	109.30	116.50	-0.10	..
Japan Growth	204.60	219.00	+3.30	..
Japan Sunrise	177.70	189.80	+1.90	...
Portfolio	120.10	128.30	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	213.90	228.70	+0.20	3.20
UK Growth	83.27	88.58†	-0.08	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.46	92.46	-0.36	1.90
Select Managers	63.84	68.32	+0.02	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	104.92	112.22	+0.05	1.87
-do- Inc	95.39	102.02	+0.05	1.87
Global Bond	29.63	31.43	+0.01	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.50	58.29	+0.13	3.50
-do- Inc	39.13	41.85†	+0.09	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	94.27	100.83	+0.33	1.35
-do- Inc	86.65	92.67	+0.30	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	59.82	63.98	+0.03	..
-do- Inc	58.70	62.78	+0.03	...
Euro Gth Acc	104.48	111.75	+0.09	1.07
-do- Inc	103.05	110.22	+0.09	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.90	38.40	+0.02	1.29
Pacific Growth	102.30	109.42	-0.08	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	91.19	97.52	-0.19	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	130.10	138.60	-0.30	3.02
Smaller Cos Acc	307.10	329.60	-2.90	...
Smaller Cos Inc	178.60	191.10	-0.60	1.13
High Inc	71.92	77.32†	+0.16	6.78
Income	129.20	138.20	-0.60	3.98
Mngd P folio Inc	95.09	101.30	-0.20	1.96
-do- Acc	179.70	191.40	-0.40	...
North American	106.30	113.20	+0.40	0.19
Orient	134.80	145.20	+1.10	..
Recovery	41.97	45.11†	-0.05	2.48
German	41.83	44.84	+0.17	0.09
Intl Growth	34.68	36.94	+0.17	0.21
European Inc	21.84	23.52	...	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.98	64.77	-0.11	1.90
-do- Acc	68.62	73.01	-0.13	1.90
Income Fund 5	212.70	226.30	-0.20	4.23
-do- Acc	494.90	526.50	-0.40	4.23
Inv Portfolio	67.19	69.63	+0.09	2.16
-do- Acc	75.88	78.63	...	2.16
Smaller Cos	129.60	137.90	+0.10	1.51
-do- Acc	156.70	166.80	+0.10	1.51
High Inc P folio	60.58	62.78	+0.05	4.63
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.06	67.96	+0.07	5.72
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.50	142.10†	-0.10	1.80
UK Growth	146.00	155.40	...	2.24
UK Income	124.30	132.30	+0.30	4.20
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.32	91.74	...	1.00
Growth	43.30	46.31†	+0.06	2.89
Income	53.71	57.44†	+0.11	4.18
Far East	49.17	52.59	+0.18	..
North American	88.98	95.68	-0.10	...
Global	86.93	92.98	+0.10	0.85
European	71.58	76.43	+0.06	1.01
Japan	115.90	124.00	+1.60	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.74	63.32	-0.06	5.06
UK Cap Gwth	79.45	84.98	+0.35	1.98
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	130.90	139.20	-0.30	0.30
-do- Acc	139.20	148.00	-0.30	0.30
European	67.02	70.97	+0.13	0.83
-do- Acc	69.46	73.56	+0.13	0.83
Far East Gen	67.21	71.50	+0.62	...
-do- Acc	67.21	71.50	+0.62	...
Glentriars	256.80	273.20	+0.70	0.70
-do- Acc	289.10	307.60	+0.80	0.70
Growth	381.10	407.60	+0.50	2.25
-do- Acc	652.40	697.80	+1.00	2.25
Income Growth	379.40	403.70	+3.40	3.73
-do- Acc	504.40	536.70	+4.60	3.73
Master Portfolio	9634.0	9989.0†	-11.00	2.18
-do- Acc	11222.0	11637.0	-12.00	2.18
Special Sits	87.10	92.67†	-0.21	2.18
-do- Acc	102.97	109.55	-0.25	2.18
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1206.0	1244.0	+3.00	4.33
-do- Acc	1423.0	1468.0	+3.00	4.33
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	194.00	206.80	+0.80	1.60
Capital	530.30	566.00	+2.10	2.40
Eurotrack 100	131.90	140.80	...	1.47
Euro Gth	82.49	87.94	+0.10	1.28
Far East Growth	94.64	101.00	+0.80	0.07
Global Bond	23.67	24.95†	+0.10	6.60
Hong Kong	82.08	87.60	-0.17	0.79
Income	503.90	537.80	+1.40	3.92
Intl Growth	75.07	80.12†	+0.54	0.97
Japan Growth	282.80	301.80	+4.30	..
Japan Smllr Cos	36.15	38.58	+0.54	..
Japan Index	83.00	88.58	+0.99	0.22
Nth American	439.00	468.50	-0.30	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	53.08	56.65	-1.57	...
The Footsie Fd	105.10	111.00†	+0.30	2.76
Tiger Index	143.40	153.00	-0.30	0.61
Trixie Index	106.20	113.30	+0.20	2.53
UK Index	121.20	129.40†	+0.30	3.09
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.47	91.33†	+0.49	1.00
European P folio	72.42	77.12	-0.20	1.38
Japanese P folio	67.14	71.34	+0.62	..
Pacific P folio	103.16	110.93†	-1.04	1.07
Cazenove P folio	71.39	76.36†	+0.24	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.14	68.83	+0.06	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.94	51.63	-0.11	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	610.20	615.13	..	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	..	9.19
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	601.99	607.12	..	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.41	127.45	..	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.90	66.21	..	2.28
Beckman Intl	83.40	88.03	..	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	176.02	189.27	...	6.16
Friars Hse Cap	246.48	266.03†	..	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.70	39.04	+0.03	1.62
-do- Acc	41.35	43.99	+0.04	1.62
Quilter	121.64	129.40	+0.16	2.64
-do- Acc	135.09	143.71	+0.17	2.64
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.60	92.60	+0.01	5.15
-do- Acc	92.60	92.60	+0.01	5.15
Fixed Conv	41.49	44.14	+0.16	6.28
-do- Acc	109.59	116.59	+0.43	6.28
Equity Income	144.07	153.27	+0.40	3.64
-do- Acc	462.46	491.98	+1.28	3.64
PPT Europe	152.28	162.00	-0.05	0.92
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.09	51.16	-0.01	7.47
PPT Global Bond	85.99	91.42	-0.04	5.35
PPT Gold Com	63.57	67.63	-0.89	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.74	59.30	-0.12	0.39
PPT Far East Gth	108.01	114.90	+0.26	0.07
PPT High Yield	116.48	123.91	+0.30	4.37
-do- Acc	448.10	476.70	+1.16	4.37
PPT Managed	61.74	65.68	+0.20	3.40
-do- Acc	75.41	80.22	+0.24	3.40
PPT UK General	67.41	71.71	+0.09	2.58
-do- Acc	81.81	87.03	+0.10	2.58
PPT Japan	122.90	130.74	+1.59	...
PPT N Amer	147.89	157.33	+0.54	0.08
PPT UK Gth	115.46	122.83	+0.17	2.03
PPT W'wide Gwth	58.14	62.18	+0.32	0.18
-do- Acc	60.57	64.78	+0.34	0.18
PPT Preference	48.27	51.35	+0.09	6.69
-do- Acc	252.05	268.14	+0.50	6.69
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	81.82	87.04	-0.66	0.91
Japanese Acc	65.20	69.36	+0.74	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.10	133.10†	-0.20	2.52
-do- Acc	147.60	157.00†	-0.30	2.52
UK Growth Acc	204.60	217.70	-0.30	2.22
UK High Inc	132.50	141.00	...	6.48
-do- Acc	160.50	170.70	...	6.48
N America Acc	114.50	121.80†	+0.40	0.32
European Acc	158.20	168.30	-0.10	0.42
UK Prof F/I Inc	60.64	64.33†	+0.19	8.78
-do- Acc	99.81	105.90†	+0.30	8.78
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.08	52.11	+0.13	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.91	75.44	-0.01	1.74
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.40	120.50	+0.50	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	203.20	215.90	-0.20	1.16
Eurofund	37.51	39.75	+0.13	1.01
Mngd Exempt	166.00	173.00	+2.40	3.00
Growth Inc	214.40	227.80	+0.80	3.29
High Dist	142.20	151.10	+0.40	4.96
International	322.50	342.70†	+0.60	0.95
Intl Income	80.71	86.16†	+0.28	3.02
Pacific	58.29	61.93	-0.28	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	76.17	80.93	+1.64	...
Tokyo	211.90	225.10	+3.20	...
Japan Exempt	119.50	122.70	+2.70	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	603.10	619.60	+18.30	0.08
Equity Income	121.10	128.70†	+0.90	3.89
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	140.60	148.70	+0.40	0.54
Financial	42.19	44.83	+0.20	2.65
Global Opps Inc	89.91	95.57	+0.62	2.10
-do- Acc	93.20	99.03	+0.65	2.10
Gold Gen Inc	52.91	56.22	-0.51	0.76
-do- Acc	101.50	107.80	-1.10	0.76
Japan General	164.70	175.00	+2.40	...
Preference	22.07	23.45†	+0.16	7.76
UK Capital	104.70	111.20	+0.70	3.03
Worldwide Cap	198.40	210.80†	+1.50	3.04
World Income	84.66	89.81†	+0.05	3.30
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7291				
Endurance	176.80	188.10	+1.60	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	104.32	109.81	+0.13	3.25
High Income	121.00	127.37	+0.03	4.74
Tst of Inv Tsts	151.14	159.09	+0.51	2.17
Special Sits	85.76	90.27	+0.05	2.27
North American	104.81	110.33	+0.70	0.87
Far Eastern	247.37	260.39†	+2.05	1.78
Intl Growth	98.77	103.97	-0.81	1.26
European	63.88	67.24†	+0.14	2.11
Smaller Cos	68.77	72.39†	+0.10	2.06
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	224.90	239.20	...	3.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	124.70	132.60	+0.70	..
High Income	26.04	27.40†	+0.05	5.38
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	94.10	99.61†	-0.05	0.81
Far Eastern	139.10	148.90	+0.60	...
Oseas Income	89.22	95.43	-0.32	3.07
UK Growth	93.24	99.72†	+0.10	0.77
UK Income	100.50	107.50	+0.10	3.18
US Smaller Cos	258.90	276.90	+0.90	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.57	51.66	-0.35	..
-do- Acc	48.57	51.66	-0.35	...
Am Smllr Co	437.60	467.90	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	447.00	478.00	-0.80	...
Capital	289.50	307.90	-0.10	2.00
-do- Acc	403.10	428.70	-0.40	2.00
Conti Smllr Cos	46.33	49.85†	-0.02	0.48
-do- Acc	48.43	52.11	-0.02	0.48
Convertible	115.40	122.70	+0.20	5.78
-do- Acc	219.00	232.90	+0.30	5.78
Emg Mark	53.45	57.10	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	53.45	57.10	-0.50	...
European	94.51	100.80†	...	0.92
-do- Acc	98.52	105.10†	...	0.92
Extra Income	297.40	316.30	...	4.01
-do- Acc	416.40	442.90	...	4.01
Financial	108.10	115.80	-0.10	0.52
-do- Acc	113.20	121.20	-0.10	0.52
Gilt Gth Tst	61.85	65.84	+0.03	6.51
-do- Acc	82.50	85.07	+0.04	6.51
Health Fund Inc	122.00	130.30	...	...
-do- Acc	122.00	130.30	...	...
Income Tst	179.30	190.70†	-0.20	3.82
-do- Acc	254.00	270.10†	-0.50	3.82
Intl Growth	323.20	345.20	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	358.80	383.30	-0.50	...
Japan Gen	186.00	198.70	+1.80	..
-do- Acc	187.90	200.70	+1.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.29	96.09	-0.08	0.86
-do- Acc	95.95	101.00	-0.10	0.86
Monthly Income	154.40	164.20	...	3.88
Qrtly Inc	50.08	53.27	-0.10	5.74
-do- Acc	50.21	53.40	-0.10	5.74
Recovery	299.60	320.30	-0.70	0.52
-do- Acc	350.80	375.10	-0.80	0.52
UK Growth	46.36	49.57	-0.02	2.63
-do- Acc	46.36	49.57	-0.02	2.63
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	345.69	367.76	+0.34	2.65
-do- Acc	705.91	750.97	+0.70	2.65
Euro Gth Dist	108.29	115.20	+0.15	0.78
-do- Acc	111.53	118.65	+0.16	0.78
Fixed Int Dist	133.49	141.20†	-0.52	6.17
-do- Acc	225.74	238.78†	-0.87	6.17
Intl Gth Dist	78.21	83.22†	-0.08	0.70
-do- Acc	81.20	86.38†	-0.09	0.70
Nth Amer Dist	169.58	179.64†	-0.37	0.91
-do- Acc	184.65	195.60†	-0.41	0.91
Pac Basin Dist	250.20	266.17†	-1.33	0.10
-do- Acc	254.80	271.06†	-1.36	0.10
Stewardship Dist	301.44	320.68	-0.06	1.76
-do- Acc	359.43	382.37	-0.08	1.76
Stwd Inc Dist	64.35	68.46	-0.06	3.18
-do- Acc	79.61	84.69	-0.07	3.19
N Am Stwd Dist	99.44	105.79†	...	...
-do- Acc	105.20	111.91†	...	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.40	150.20	+0.10	...
European	412.30	437.90	-0.10	0.97
Far East General	228.20	243.50	-0.10	0.30
Germany	101.00	107.10	+0.30	0.43
Global Assets In	69.79	74.55	+0.06	2.16
Global Assets Ac	73.80	78.83	+0.06	2.11
Income Inc	125.30	134.10	+0.40	6.56
International	283.80	303.40	+0.80	0.92
Intl Income	77.58	82.54†	+0.08	4.83
Japan General	382.10	406.30	+2.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.59	48.76†	...	0.67
UK Capital Inc	169.30	180.00	+0.50	4.00
-do- Acc	287.80	307.90	+0.80	3.84
UK Spec Sits	77.97	83.39	+0.11	1.52
US General	120.30	128.00	-0.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	119.70	128.00†	+0.60	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.66	47.76	+0.34	1.42
Cash Trust*	129.41	129.41†	+0.02	5.26
Practl Inv Inc	104.71	112.29	-0.02	4.09
-do- Acc	224.79	241.06	-0.04	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	103.66	111.16	-0.59	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.61	28.46	+0.12	8.15
High Inc	32.30	34.55	+0.07	4.75
UK Equity Inc	128.76	137.71	+0.34	3.94
Global Bond	30.00	31.04†	-0.04	5.76
International Funds				
Gold Intl	95.38	102.28†	-0.17	0.66
Frontier Markets	44.22	47.42	-0.30	0.44
Global Inc Gth	120.03	128.12	...	1.92
UK Intl	116.79	124.91†	+0.79	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	129.74	138.54†	...	0.45
European	82.77	87.77	-0.08	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	98.34	104.95	-0.02	0.70
American Emerg	82.78	88.77	+0.23	...
Hong Kong	112.17	120.29	-0.31	2.07
Japan	238.35	253.21†	+2.27	...
Pacific Growth	156.72	168.06†	-1.34	0.39
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	128.14	137.04	...	0.37
American Gth	132.39	141.59	+1.45	...
European Gth	67.01	71.32	...	0.42
Japan Gth	81.97	87.67	+1.40	...
Greater China	143.67	153.65†	+0.90	2.85
Pacific Strategy	125.51	134.23	-1.27	0.25
UK Prog Inc	73.63	77.53†	-0.25	4.61
British Growth	47.77	50.44	-0.16	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.50	47.60	-0.07	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9665				
Cash	131.70	131.70	...	5.18
Gilt Fixed	125.00	132.70	+0.90	5.84
Growth Equity	286.70	306.30	+0.40	2.06
Guardhill	427.00	456.10	+0.30	2.16
Income Trust	108.60	117.30†	+0.30	2.80
International	159.10	169.90	+0.20	0.17
Japan Trust	128.80	137.60	+1.40	..
Nth American	257.50	275.10	+0.10	0.40
Pacific	371.50	396.80	-2.40	...
European	343.90	367.40†	-0.20	0.63
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838866				
Global Adv Inc	35.23	37.35	..	1.59
-do- Acc	36.88	39.10	...	1.59
Inc Adv Inc	29.36	31.13†	...	3.93
-do- Acc	30.81	32.66	...	3.93
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	80.97	86.74	-0.77	1.30
Equity Income	112.40	119.60	+0.30	3.45
European	134.40	142.20	...	1.26
Intl Situation	75.82	80.66†	-0.60	...
Japanese	145.60	154.50	+1.70	...
North American	98.79	104.80	-0.90	0.05
Scandinavian	115.10	121.70	...	...
Smaller Cos	30.19	32.12†	-0.05	1.93
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	90.73	96.99	+0.65	...
Asian Enterprise	126.65	135.43†	-1.87	0.76
Australian	145.35	155.37	-0.38	1.17
European	374.55	396.61	+1.27	1.28
European Inc	71.73	75.82	-0.11	2.70
Euro Sml Co	118.01	125.38	-0.02	0.61
Extra Income	261.61	278.50†	+0.81	4.79
Family of Funds	70.92	75.72†	-0.05	1.01
Global Bond	56.23	60.13†	+0.15	7.80
Global Resour	...	...		
High Inc	291.54	311.65	+0.31	4.28
Income Gth	235.96	251.29†	+0.48	3.62
-do- Acc	610.36	650.03†	+1.26	3.62
International	231.04	246.11	-0.69	0.88
Japan Spc Sir	250.44	266.63	+2.13	...
Japan	216.75	230.44†	+2.07	..
N Amer	224.64	238.99†	+0.79	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	192.87	205.18	-1.90	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.93	50.44	+0.18	8.38
Smaller Cos Div	170.74	182.60	-0.25	3.89
Special Sits	260.54	278.77	-0.49	1.73
-do- Acc	401.47	429.57	-0.75	1.73
Best of British	54.91	58.79	+0.10	2.59
Spirit of the East	60.90	65.11	-0.41	0.57
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	80.30	85.88	+0.27	...
Euro Spec Sits	46.27	49.26	+0.22	1.46
-do- Acc	48.99	52.16	+0.24	1.46
Far East Opps	32.10	34.34†	-0.40	0.27
-do- Acc	33.13	35.44	-0.41	0.27
General Growth	96.47	103.30	+0.16	2.83
Global Tech	125.84	134.64†	-0.40	..
Income Growth	100.55	107.51	+0.15	3.99
Income Monthly	57.03	60.99	-0.07	5.77
Japan Growth	85.19	90.58†	-0.66	...
Overseas Gth	77.69	82.71†	+0.01	1.19
Smaller Cos	74.42	79.62	+0.10	1.72
Special Opps	106.31	114.31	-0.05	1.35
Wld Spec Sits	49.91	53.44	+0.29	0.50
-do- Acc	50.03	53.57	+0.28	0.50
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.60	91.55	+0.14	2.29
Capital	153.60	164.20	-1.30	1.91
Dollar	311.00	332.60	-0.30	0.01
European	196.90	210.50†	-0.30	0.64
Far East	239.00	255.60	-1.40	0.27
Financial	724.70	775.00	+6.10	1.90
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.15	27.16†	-0.34	7.66
High Yield	100.70	107.60†	...	4.55
Income	133.70	142.90	+0.30	3.45
Intl	215.70	230.60†	-0.20	0.31
Japan Tech	75.11	80.33	+0.87	...
Nat Resources	62.63	66.98	-0.84	0.45
Security	292.10	312.40	+0.80	1.99
Smaller Cos	111.80	119.50	+0.10	1.24
Special Sits	137.00	146.50	...	1.62
US Smaller Cos	70.38	75.27†	+0.30	..
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.26	27.00	-0.06	1.53
Special Features	27.30	29.00	+0.06	1.61
-do- Acc	32.23	34.24	+0.08	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.19	55.83	+0.04	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.81	74.17	+0.11	1.91
do Acc	82.04	87.16	+0.12	1.91
Managed Invest	88.23	94.21	+0.24	1.17
Rupert Children	73.99	78.90	+0.14	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.83	50.83	+0.01	4.38
Extra Inc	81.10	86.65	+0.05	4.69
Gilt	28.06	29.53†	+0.15	6.68
Income Gth	38.70	41.38	+0.10	3.41
MIMstar	77.84	79.55	+0.23	7.72
Preference	17.71	18.61†	+0.03	6.37
UK Income	307.50	329.10	+0.90	2.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	58.81	62.48†	+0.03	1.21
Property Shares	64.92	69.09	+1.05	1.71
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	145.80	152.80	+0.70	3.66
European Acc	114.90	121.60	...	1.72
European Dist	109.30	115.80	+0.10	1.72
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.28	52.46	+0.12	0.89
European Perf	116.00	123.10	...	0.98
-do- Acc	118.20	125.40	...	0.98
Euro Small Cos	21.32	22.69	+0.04	0.73
French Growth	66.04	70.27	-0.09	0.52
-do- Acc	70.55	75.07	-0.09	0.52
Hong K/China	70.21	74.59	-0.61	1.67
Intl Growth	52.58	55.86	+0.10	0.63
-do- Acc	52.58	55.86	+0.10	0.62
Japan Perf	35.36	37.58†	+0.33	...
Accum Units	35.36	37.55†	+0.33	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.59	42.09	+0.61	...
Singapore Asean	79.70	84.68†	-0.89	0.29
-do- Acc	80.20	85.21†	-0.89	0.29
South East Asia	231.30	245.70	-1.20	0.97
US Smllr Cos	104.30	110.80†	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	105.40	111.50†	+1.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	84.57	90.52†	-0.13	2.15
Intl Bond	59.13	59.92	-0.03	6.07
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.77	70.11†	...	5.16
Extra Income	52.37	55.73†	+0.17	6.93
Gilt Yield	120.50	127.10†	-0.20	7.11
Global Income	199.70	212.50	-1.36	4.12
High Yield	132.40	140.90†	-1.15	5.92
Smllr Cos Div	48.76	51.87	+0.05	4.05
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.00	96.81	+0.02	...
North American	76.67	81.56†	+0.13	0.41
European	129.00	137.20†	+0.10	1.63
Euro Special	74.07	78.80†	+0.50	1.81
General	257.90	274.40†	+1.50	3.25
Japan	445.40	473.80	+6.90	...
Japanese Special	251.40	267.40	+4.80	...
Master Acc	217.30	231.20	+0.80	1.34
Pacific	272.80	290.20	+2.20	0.55
Smaller Cos	98.58	104.90	-0.04	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.84	39.19	+0.25	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	73.92	78.64†	+0.19	0.99
Extra Income	23.44	24.94†	-0.06	3.58
Far East	27.95	29.73	+0.08	0.89
Income Gwth	72.09	76.69	+0.72	2.83
Intl Growth	52.35	55.69	+0.28	0.66
Japan	66.15	72.50	+0.77	..
Maximum Dist*	100.50	102.50	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.82	41.30†	+0.19	0.27
UK Equity	85.26	90.70	-0.03	3.02
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.50	54.79†	+0.40	4.56
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS *5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex* Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	419.50	446.30	+0.40	2.77
Equity Acc	796.30	847.10	+0.60	2.77
Equity Income	90.85	96.65†	+0.03	4.81
European	95.71	101.80	-0.20	1.28
Far Eastern	185.70	197.60	-0.70	..
Fixed Interest	52.63	55.99†	+0.13	6.23
Gilt	92.62	98.22	+0.44	6.26
Global Growth	67.70	72.02†	-0.08	0.44
Intl Bond	56.95	60.58	-0.05	4.69
Japanese	73.98	78.70	+0.63	..
Overseas Equity	97.76	104.00†	-0.10	0.05
Pacific Gth	85.77	91.24	-0.89	0.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834315				
Balanced	308.90	328.70	+4.80	2.89
-do- Acc	678.60	722.00	+10.90	2.89
Conti Euro Gth	50.73	53.40	-0.02	1.33
-do- Acc	53.65	56.48	-0.01	1.33
Extra Inc	236.10	251.20	+0.90	3.94
-do- Acc	583.60	620.90	+2.40	3.94
German Gth	103.00	108.50	+0.60	0.17
-do- Acc	108.00	113.70	+0.50	0.17
Growth Port	486.20	517.30	+0.20	0.36
-do- Acc	486.20	517.30	+0.20	0.36
Income	449.60	478.30	+8.80	3.62
-do- Acc	1153.0	1227.0	+21.00	3.62
Income Port	491.10	522.50	+1.30	4.09
-do- Acc	495.80	527.50	+1.20	4.09
Japan Growth	101.60	108.10	+1.20	0.01
-do- Acc	101.90	108.50	+1.20	0.01
Master Trust	51.51	54.80	+0.03	1.37
-do- Acc	56.71	60.33	+0.03	1.37
N American Gen	186.40	198.30	-1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	215.30	229.10	-1.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	144.00	153.20	+2.90	0.01
-do- Acc	146.90	156.30	+3.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	199.10	211.90	-2.20	0.64
-do- Acc	210.40	223.90	-2.30	0.64
Small Cos Rec	303.90	319.90	+0.40	2.40
-do- Acc	395.70	416.60	+0.40	2.40
UK Growth	77.19	82.12†	+0.01	2.39
-do- Acc	90.95	96.76	+0.02	2.39
Worldwide Gth	279.50	297.40	-0.30	0.29
-do- Acc	412.20	438.60	-0.50	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.55	82.14	+0.02	2.80
Income	61.22	65.69	+0.06	5.20
International	57.11	61.28†	+0.14	0.70
American	59.19	63.51	+0.05	0.30
Japan	56.11	60.20	+0.73	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.48	61.67	+0.12	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	386.00	408.20	-1.20	0.89
-do- Acc	476.20	503.70	-2.10	0.89
American Rec	423.00	447.30	+0.80	0.20
-do- Acc	484.70	512.50	+0.90	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	125.10	132.30	+1.10	...
Australia Acc	166.20	175.80	-2.20	1.07
Capital	672.20	710.80	+0.70	2.45
-do- Acc	741.70	784.30	+0.80	2.45
Commodity Acc	449.80	475.80	-3.00	0.74
Compnd Gth	822.80	870.10	+0.30	2.89
Dividend	35.30	37.30	...	4.17
-do- Acc	139.80	148.00	+0.20	4.17
Equity Inc	302.90	320.30	+0.20	4.70
European Div	59.90	63.30	-0.10	4.11
-do- Acc	67.70	71.60	...	4.11
European Gen	385.00	407.10†	+0.90	1.09
-do- Acc	483.70	511.40	+1.10	1.09
Extra Yield	382.30	404.30	+0.40	4.29
-do- Acc	1117.8	1182.1	+0.90	4.29
Far Eastern	299.40	316.60	-1.10	0.75
-do- Acc	393.90	416.40	-1.60	0.75
Fund of Inv	512.80	542.30	+0.60	2.13
-do- Acc	935.30	989.20	+1.10	2.13
General	53.40	56.50†	...	3.60
-do- Acc	142.80	151.10	...	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	63.49	63.57	+0.36	7.61
do Acc	159.60	159.81	+0.92	7.61
Gold	61.60	65.10†	-1.40	0.65
-do- Acc	72.50	76.60	-1.60	0.65
High Inc	25.20	26.60†	...	4.42
-do- Acc	95.30	100.90	+0.10	4.42
Intl Growth	68.80	72.80	...	0.81
-do- Acc	118.60	125.60	...	0.81
Intl Inc	94.90	100.40	-0.10	4.48
Japan Gen Acc	52.40	55.30	+0.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	154.20	163.10	+2.30	...
Midland	55.40	58.60	-0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	177.30	187.70	-0.30	3.20
Recovery	36.50	38.60†	+0.10	2.61
-do- Acc	58.00	61.40	+0.10	2.61
Second Gen	62.20	65.80†	...	3.37
-do- Acc	154.00	163.10	...	3.37
Smaller Cos	60.60	64.10	+0.10	3.05
-do- Acc	114.80	121.60	-0.30	3.05
Trustee	39.50	41.80	...	3.84
Charibond 3	2114.6†	...	+0.60	9.41
Charifund 2	642.20	648.70	-0.40	5.14
Pension ex 1	839.40	860.40	-0.90	4.27
NAACIF Inc 3	146.72	...	...	7.59
-do- Acc 3	2131.4	...	+5.30	7.59
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 490, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680866				
Inv Port Inc	136.10	145.60†	+0.28	2.07
-do- Acc	152.50	163.10†	+0.28	2.07
UK Income	112.20	120.00†	+0.17	2.59
-do- Acc	126.80	135.60†	+0.17	2.59
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	82.38	88.11	-0.69	0.46
Far East (Pacific)	138.00	146.50†	...	0.63
Income Growth	70.39	74.72	-0.05	3.51
European	67.79	71.96	-0.51	1.20
Nth American	56.56	60.04†	-0.12	1.01
UK Growth	75.34	79.98	+0.06	1.61
Intl Growth	95.24	101.10	-0.30	0.63
Charities	107.60	114.20	+0.20	5.85
Intl Income	67.77	71.94†	-0.07	5.51
Japan	54.47	57.82	+0.63	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	188.70	200.60	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	201.70	214.50	-0.20	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.61
-do- Acc	130.00	130.00	...	5.61
European Gth	191.50	203.00	+0.40	0.78
-do- Acc	205.00	217.30	+0.30	0.78
General	457.50	488.00	+2.00	2.48
-do- Acc	870.10	928.20	+3.70	2.48
Global Dist	132.40	139.20	-0.10	5.25
-do- Acc	148.10	155.70	-0.20	5.25
Income	137.30	146.40†	+0.30	4.65
-do- Acc	202.50	215.90†	+0.50	4.65
International	390.50	416.40†	-0.60	0.67
-do- Acc	519.30	553.70†	-0.90	0.67
Japan	191.40	203.00	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	196.50	208.40	+3.20	...
New Europe	137.70	146.90	+0.30	1.77
-do- Acc	139.90	149.30	+0.30	1.77
Recovery	289.60	309.00	+0.20	2.90
-do- Acc	366.00	390.40	+0.30	2.90
European Inc	72.20	76.56†	-0.02	3.18
-do- Acc	93.29	98.94†	-0.03	3.18
Brit Blue Chip	71.07	75.69	+0.23	3.33
-do- Acc	83.82	89.27	+0.28	3.33
Portfolio	73.48	78.13	+0.19	2.90
-do- Acc	83.55	88.84	+0.21	2.90
Gold General	144.10	155.00†	-1.70	0.60
-do- Acc	147.40	158.50†	-1.70	0.60
Pacific	91.25	97.34†	-0.03	0.86
-do- Acc	97.03	103.90†	...	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	53.38	56.94	-0.10	1.91
-do- Acc	59.56	63.54	-0.12	1.91
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.15	61.12	+0.04	2.89
-do- Acc	58.04	62.07	+0.05	2.89
British Dist	75.06	80.28	+0.06	2.12
-do- Acc	84.97	90.88	+0.07	2.12
European Gth	170.80	182.60†	-0.30	0.25
-do- Acc	214.50	229.20	-0.40	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.33	73.08†	+0.20	6.28
-do- Acc	122.20	130.70	+0.40	6.28
FT-SE 100 Index	46.89	50.15†	+0.03	2.73
-do- Acc	47.58	50.89	+0.03	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int	56.76	59.08†	+0.23	6.82
-do- Acc	151.50	157.70	+0.60	6.82
High Yield	216.90	232.00	+0.50	4.73
-do- Acc	509.20	544.60	+1.00	4.73
Income	276.20	295.40	-0.10	3.37
-do- Acc	574.30	614.20	-0.10	3.37
Japan Gth	355.40	380.10	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	375.10	401.20	+3.10	...
Mandarin Acc	99.39	106.30	-0.60	0.46
North American	165.30	176.80†	-0.30	0.25
-do- Acc	208.60	223.10	-0.40	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	268.90	285.70†	+0.50	...
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.96†	+0.01	5.53
Deposit Acc	122.99	122.99†	+0.01	5.53
Euro Gth Acc	281.60	300.90†	-0.70	...
Europa	121.40	130.30	+0.30	...
Intl Gth	173.20	185.40	+0.50	...
Japan Tracker	80.09	84.85	+0.87	...
UK Equity Inc	147.40	158.70	+0.50	4.16
-do- Acc	180.80	194.60	+0.60	4.16
UK Ind Tracker	141.00	150.90	...	3.18
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.10	203.80	-0.20	1.44
-do- Acc	203.20	215.60	-0.20	1.44
Asian Tracker	157.20	170.40	-0.70	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	167.70	171.90	...	2.19
European	59.72	60.99	...	1.82
Olympiad	55.34	56.77	+0.24	0.38
Global Bond	47.85	48.39	+0.02	6.34
Smaller Cos	67.56	70.65	+0.08	0.92
Equity Income	89.54	92.05†	-0.03	5.18
UK Growth	82.12	84.65	-0.09	1.79
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.73	49.84	-0.09	0.98
Australian Acc	307.40	329.80	-3.70	...
Conscience	62.74	66.95†	+0.03	1.30
-do- Acc	67.72	72.27	+0.04	1.30
European	167.50	178.10	+0.30	1.17
-do- Acc	180.20	191.70	+0.40	1.17
Extra Income	71.76	76.58	+0.18	5.80
-do- Acc	109.70	117	+0.20	5.80
Far East Gth	163.60	174.80	+0.70	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.87	63.18	+0.11	6.52
Gold	52.22	56.14	-1.04	...
-do- Acc	56.23	60.46	-1.12	...
Income	51.16	54.57†	+0.05	5.15
-do- Acc	156.60	167	+0.10	5.15
International	29.52	31.67	+0.04	1.04
-do- Acc	42.42	45.51	+0.08	1.04
Jap Sm Cos Acc	354.20	377.80	+4.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	185.30	198.70	+3.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.88	26.75†	-0.03	2.06
Special Sits	31.51	33.88	-0.07	1.77
-do- Acc	36.29	39.02	-0.08	1.77
Tokyo	89.04	94.97	+1.04	...
-do- Acc	89.94	95.93	+1.05	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.86	70.07†	-0.01	2.73
N&P Glt Fnd Int	76.73	81.20	-0.21	5.86
N&P Higher Inc	194.30	206.80†	+0.70	4.64
N&P UK Income	100.20	106.60	+0.20	3.80
N&P Intl	87.46	93.05	-0.10	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	74.96	79.75	+0.09	1.54
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.17	173.59†	...	2.03
Global	292.31	310.97	...	3.06
Growth	107.41	114.27	...	1.93
Income	199.42	212.15†	...	4.40
Intl Bond	129.73	137.78	...	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.80	141.90	+0.10	2.61
-do- Acc	238.90	251.40	...	2.61
Income	217.90	231.80	+0.40	3.56
Intl Equity	223.40	237.60	+0.30	0.85
-do- Acc	244.60	260.10	+0.30	0.85
Equity	211.30	224.80†	+0.10	2.50
-do- Acc	433.30	460.90	+0.10	2.50
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.57	72.94	+0.06	2.00
UK Income	59.38	63.16†	-0.12	3.11
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.64	80.46	...	1.41
New Europe Acc	61.06	64.95	-0.02	1.24
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.72	98.10	-0.86	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	101.12	108.15	-0.06	1.38
Intl Gth	488.66	522.64	+2.20	0.77
Income	303.51	324.61	-0.22	3.30
W'wide Recov	312.97	334.73	+0.57	0.40
American Gth	208.13	222.60	-0.75	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	186.27	199.22	+0.69	0.20
Far East Gth	223.25	238.78	+2.05	0.01
European Gth	113.80	121.72	+1.32	1.16
UK Growth	76.73	82.07	+0.16	2.75
High Income	82.56	88.30†	+0.13	4.35
Japanese Gth	221.97	236.29	+3.24	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	174.40	185.60	-0.30	0.69
High Income	107.30	114.20	+0.10	3.69
Conv Gilt	108.90	115.90	...	6.05
Far East	318.00	338.30	-0.50	0.23
Global Inc Acc	31.56	33.58	-0.09	5.23
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.26	53.47†	+0.14	0.20
Emerging Mkts	64.99	69.14†	+1.53	0.57
General	46.91	49.90†	+0.79	3.26
International	83.73	89.07	+0.22	1.35
Gilt Units	26.81	27.64	+0.94	7.19
Global PEP	34.54	36.74	+0.05	2.11
Income Gth	64.62	68.74	+0.28	4.77
European	42.93	45.67	+0.08	0.66
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.26	25.81†	+0.05	6.06
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925991				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.15	33.31	...	1.72
Pru Csh Fvn Inc	101.56	102.06†	+0.01	4.81
-do- Acc	105.70	106.22†	+0.01	4.81
Pru Equity	642.23	686.87	-0.01	2.64
Pru Equity Inc	78.34	83.78	+0.05	4.57
Pru European	173.02	185.04†	-0.41	1.19
Pru Global Gth	79.24	84.74	+0.04	1.36
Pru High Inc	84.22	90.07†	+0.11	4.86
Pru Intl	161.71	172.95†	-0.01	1.15
Pru Intl Sm Co	70.07	74.94	-0.07	0.69
Pru Japanese	205.16	219.42	+2.02	...
Pru Nth Amer	143.11	153.05	-0.37	0.84
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.49	81.80	-0.23	1.22
Pru Premr Inc	50.45	52.54†	+0.27	5.15
Pru Smllr Cos	81.44	87.10	-0.31	2.16
Pru Spec Sits	95.27	101.89†	+0.16	2.49
Pru UK Grwth	107.33	114.79	+0.05	2.51
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	151.93	162.50	-0.89	3.63
FA Japan	284.53	302.79	+1.67	...
FA Maj UK Cos	89.23	95.32†	-0.55	2.60
FA America Inc	494.80	527.85	-5.61	0.76
-do- Acc	574.71	613.10	-6.52	0.76
FA Smlr UK Cos	266.84	288.69	-1.96	1.69
FA European	249.84	265.14	-0.74	1.52
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.89	76.48	-0.55	3.66
Capital Units	142.30	151.40†	...	1.30
Commodity	112.70	119.90	-1.10	1.09
European Gth	156.60	166.60	-0.20	1.28
Financial Sec	177.20	188.50	+0.10	1.79
High Return	207.40	220.60†	-0.10	3.75
High Yield	204.50	217.60	+0.20	4.00
Income Units	108.80	115.70	+0.10	4.76
Investment	177.60	188.90	+0.20	1.27
Japan Gth	159.00	169.20	+1.60	...
Japan Smaller	185.90	197.80	+3.50	...
Masterfund	46.39	49.35†	-0.09	1.29
Scotbits	258.20	274.70†	+0.40	1.50
Scotshares	254.80	271.10	+0.40	2.53
Scotyields	222.60	236.80	+0.40	3.93
Select Intl	129.50	137.80	+0.40	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.20	242.80	+0.10	3.88
Special Situation	110.50	117.60†	-0.20	0.82
UK Equity	221.20	235.30	+0.10	2.76
US Growth	137.00	145.70	-0.70	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 *Broker line: 0800 526 540*				
American	236.38	251.40	+2.30	0.58
-do- Acc	256.11	272.38	+2.50	0.58
Australian	132.00	140.79	+2.01	0.81
-do- Acc	155.18	165.51	+2.36	0.81
UK Enterprise	211.79	225.90†	-0.78	2.36
-do- Acc	247.49	263.99	-0.90	2.36
European Gth	61.37	65.29†	+0.15	1.36
-do- Acc	63.75	67.78	+0.16	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	56.40	59.09†	+0.19	0.46
-do- Acc	55.78	59.49	+0.18	0.46
Far Eastern Gth	72.06	76.86	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	73.23	78.11	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	54.62	57.62	+0.08	6.50
-do- Acc	66.33	69.97	-0.10	6.50
Gilt Income	105.80	111.49	+0.08	7.40
-do- Acc	147.76	155.71	+0.11	7.40
Income	318.61	339.85	+1.49	3.79
-do- Acc	939.81	1002.4	+4.40	3.79
Japan Enterprise	70.64	75.34	+1.08	...
-do- Acc	70.64	75.34	+1.08	...
Japan Smllr Cos	486.54	518.97†	+6.67	...
-do- Acc	487.51	520.01	+6.69	...
Pacific Gth	93.24	99.45	-0.50	0.07
-do- Acc	96.01	102.40	-0.51	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.36	201.98†	-0.28	0.79
-do- Acc	219.01	233.61	-0.33	0.79
Tokyo	111.81	119.26	+1.75	...
-do- Acc	112.94	120.47	+1.78	...
UK Equity	206.62	220.39†	-0.58	2.57
-do- Acc	387.41	413.23	-1.09	2.57
US Smllr Cos	137.58	146.75	+1.26	...
-do- Acc	137.58	146.75	+1.26	...
World Fd	70.63	75.33	+0.21	2.07
-do- Acc	74.46	79.42	+0.22	2.07
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.41	49.43	-0.26	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.12	67.22	-0.28	1.04
European Opps	71.55	76.20	-0.05	1.22
Maximum Inc	99.56	102.12	...	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.24	56.70	-0.07	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh, 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.30	356.30	-0.10	2.89
American	246.80	261.90	-0.10	0.78
Pacific	338.70	362.20	-0.60	0.59
European	446.70	477.80	+0.80	1.20
Worldwide	79.46	84.58	-0.26	1.12
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6400				
UK Equity	297.90	317.00†	+0.40	2.74
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.30	221.70†	-0.20	1.63
European	328.20	349.20	-0.50	1.68
North American	256.40	272.90	-0.70	0.56
Income Plus Inc	67.01	71.29	+0.12	3.76
UK Spec Sits	66.60	70.86	-0.13	2.41
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.24	27.01	-0.01	2.93
Intl Growth Acc	29.48	31.59	...	0.95
Market Ldrs Acc	25.38	27.16	-0.06	3.06
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD *21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226*				
European	199.83	...	-0.14	..
Global Bond	199.75	...	+0.41	7.50
Japan Samurai	198.15	..	+1.31	...
UK Growth	198.47	...	+0.17	4.01
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.01	46.77	...	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	59.69	63.43	+0.30	1.55
UK Eq General	41.13	43.71	+0.10	2.30
-do- Acc	54.32	57.72	+0.10	2.30
European Acc	41.77	44.39	-0.10	1.09
Far East Acc	56.69	60.24	+0.10	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.23	33.03	...	6.33
N American Acc	43.22	45.93	-0.50	0.93
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	283.00	307.10	.	1.44
UK Eq High Inc	35.41	37.63	+0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	42.05	44.68	+0.10	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Inc	285.30	309.60	+0.50	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Acc	371.50	403.10	+0.60	3.81
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.57	N283.79	...	1.25
US Eq	$2.111	$2.242	...	1.19
Far East Eq	Y240.5	Y255.5	...	..
Japan Eq	Y244.2	Y259.4	.	..
FT Europe	111.80	118.70	...	2.20
FT North Am	$1.710	$1.813	..	1.32
FT Japan	Y243.7	Y258.8	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.878	$1.994	...	1.53
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	342.10	364.70	-0.50	0.32
British	934.10	988.30	+2.50	4.14
European	389.10	414.30	+0.30	1.40
Japan	149.80	159.00	-1.90	..
New Pacific	297.60	316.90†	-2.30	1.05
Mngd Cash	95.51	95.51†	...	5.18
Majority Stg	99.70	100.69†	+0.01	4.89
Inv Tst	190.60	202.00	...	1.78
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	714.20	763.90	+1.00	3.15
N America Acc	116.50	124.60	-0.50	0.30
Far East Acc	124.70	133.40	-0.90	0.04
W wide Bond	61.47	65.25	-0.12	5.41
European	83.65	89.46	+0.18	0.62
Equity Income	81.76	87.44†	+0.12	4.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.06	36.43	-0.15	0.54
Managed Assets	116.89	125.02†	+0.14	3.22
UK Income	35.88	38.38†	+0.03	3.03
UK Growth	35.67	38.15	...	2.30
Worldwide Gth	31.15	33.32†	+0.03	0.44
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	208.72	222.04	-1.53	0.08
-do- Acc	229.24	243.87	-1.68	0.08
British Gth	83.42	88.75	-0.44	1.99
-do- Acc	98.15	104.42	-0.52	1.99
European	90.30	96.07	+0.09	0.96
-do- Acc	95.25	101.33	+0.09	0.96
Extra Inc	184.97	196.78	+0.21	4.10
-do- Acc	295.08	313.92	+0.34	4.10
General Unit	259.55	276.12†	+2.72	2.38
-do- Acc	518.37	551.46†	+5.44	2.38
Income	319.39	339.78†	+0.98	3.55
-do- Acc	663.72	706.09†	+2.03	3.55
International	487.48	518.59	+0.03	0.44
-do- Acc	638.16	678.89	+0.06	0.44
Pacific	348.93	371.20†	+4.65	...
-do- Acc	366.53	389.93†	+4.89	...
Premier Income	51.72	53.88	+0.01	6.27
-do- Acc	107.83	112.32	...	6.27
Nat Resources	134.62	143.22	-4.80	0.16
-do- Acc	147.74	157.17	-5.27	0.16
Selected Opps	96.43	102.58	+1.24	1.17
-do- Acc	120.72	128.43	+1.56	1.17
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	72.40	77.22	-2.36	...
-do- Acc	74.68	79.65	-2.34	...
European Opps	60.69	64.58	-0.30	0.46
-do- Acc	61.32	65.25	-0.20	0.46
Far East Opps	152.36	162.51	+0.22	..
-do- Acc	155.90	166.29	+0.20	...
Japan	89.56	95.24	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	89.56	95.24	+1.30	..
Little Dragons	72.17	76.98	-1.00	0.65
-do- Acc	74.29	79.24	-1.03	0.65
Oriental Income	44.39	47.34	-0.08	3.36
-do- Acc	56.59	60.36	+0.12	3.36
Tiger	209.08	223.01	-2.30	1.18
-do- Acc	219.65	234.29	-2.52	1.18
UK Small Cos	79.18	84.67	+1.05	1.88
-do- Acc	92.37	98.78	+1.22	1.88
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	18.92	20.12	-0.32	0.50
Pacific Basin	32.39	34.45	-0.25	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.44	37.70	...	..
Global Bond	$0.972	$1.013	+0.005	7.11
Penny Share	24.41	25.96	-0.10	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.99	52.99	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	68.97	71.78	-0.54	...
Gilt Income	52.87	55.02†	+0.34	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	109.00	110.40	+0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	+0.000	...
Challenger	95.41	97.63	-0.29	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 Wide Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.93	71.20	+0.05	1.97

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

هكذا من الأصل

GUS's move to give vote to all shareholders boosts price

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

GREAT Universal Stores shares soared yesterday after the group declared it would give its non-voting shareholders votes, drafted in four non-executives to sit on Cadbury-approved auditing and remuneration committees, and increased the detail of financial information supplied with its annual results.

But Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, one of the non-executive directors brought in to add to Sir Philip Harris, is a cousin of Lord Wolfson of Marylebone, the present chairman, and a former director of the company until 1978 when he became secretary to the then shadow cabinet.

Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale is also chairman of Next, whose shares soared yesterday on speculation that GUS would make a bid. It is understood that GUS has no interest in making an acquisition at the moment, even though it would now find it much easier to issue shares.

The other non-executives are Jonathan Charkham, a retired adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England and a member of the Cadbury Committee on corporate governance, Victor Blank, chairman and chief executive of Charterhouse, and Derek Roberts, provost of University College, London.

Enfranchising the GUS A non-voting shares reduces the voting power of the founding Wolfson family from 49 per cent to just 9 per cent. Such share structures have become increasingly unpopular in the City and have prevented companies from making rights issues.

Prominent among those companies left with two-tier voting structures are Whitbread, the brewer, Savoy, Forte, and Liberty. Sir Michael Angus, the Whitbread chairman, said the group reviewed its share structure regularly. "Our view is this has not been a constraint on the company's growth."

Many household name companies, such as Marks and Spencer, Sears (owner of Selfridges) and Rank Organisation, enfranchised their non-voting shares in the late sixties. Non-voting shares were usually issued by family-controlled companies to non-family members to maintain control of the enterprise but at the same time raise capital for expansion.

GUS yesterday announced its 46th successive increase in profits, from £439.7 million to £471.4 million before asset sales and tax. Total dividend for the year rises from 40p to 44p out of earnings up from 118.8p to 128.2p.

Shareholders will be asked to vote on proposals to enfranchise the A, non-voting shares. Holders of ordinary voting shares will receive four additional shares for every five existing ones. After shareholders' approval of the enfranchisement, GUS proposes a three-for-one scrip issue. Yesterday the ordinary voting shares rose from £33.38 to £34.38 and the non-voting A shares rose from £17.65 to £18.75.

Home shopping rose from £195.5 million to £207.7 million. Burberrys and Scotch House rose from £32.3 million to £37 million, and overseas retailing from £24.3 million to £34 million. Property rental brought in £52.1 million, up from £50.2 million. For the first time GUS revealed how much of its finance and banking profits, up from £137.4 million to £140.6 million, came from hire purchase trading. The contribution was up from £41.2 million to £52.1 million. Interest earned by the division's cash rose from £54.3 million to £58.5 million.

Tempus, page 25

Welsh Water dampener accompanies profit rise

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ With 40 per cent of its customers in receipt of some form of social security benefit, Welsh Water is under growing pressure to limit future price increases

WELSH Water's much-criticised stake-building in Swalec, the South Wales Electricity distributor, provided the bulk of this year's 12 per cent profit rise to £155 million.

A profit of £17 million on the sale of the shares made up for lower interest income and a £2 million provision against the value of four hotels to be leased to Resort Hotels.

The core water services business raised operating profits by 9 per cent to £126 million in the year to March 31. Graham Hawker, the new chief executive, expects profits from the core business to flatten out over the longer term, with dividend growth coming from non-regulated activities such as engineering and waste management.

Welsh Water's customers opted for low price increases in recent customer surveys and the current business plan assumes that the Kfactor — the extent to which prices can be raised over the inflation rate — of 5 percentage points will fall to 2, meaning real price increases of only 2 per cent annually until the end of the century. This is despite a forecast of continuing capital expenditure of some £200 million a year. Mr Hawker said: "We believe our customers want low price rises, 40 per cent are in receipt of some form of social security benefit and it is a foolish company that ignores that pressure."

With real growth in income from water bills likely to slow, Welsh Water is under pressure to boost its non-regulated sector to maintain growth in the dividend, which increased by just under 10 per cent to 23.5p per share last year.

After development costs and a £1.7 million loss from its pipelines contractor, the non-regulated side made a deficit of £3 million last year, but Acer, the engineering consultancy business acquired in February, is expected to be the motor for growth in the future. Acer contributed £300,000 of profits in its first month and if the trend continued for a full year the business would account for 10 per cent of the group's £34 million dividend payment.

Welsh Water has written down its investment in Acer by £33 million in fair value adjustments and accounting changes, leaving Welsh with a goodwill write-off of £40 million against the purchase price of £23 million. The company also has plans to supply 10 megawatts of hydropower from dams and awaits a decision on subsidies for non-fossil fuels before it makes the investment.

Welsh Water has no gearing but Paul Twamley, finance director, says it will have to borrow over the next couple of years to fund its commitment to improve infrastructure. With about £150 million of cash generated annually, the company expects a shortfall of about £50 million, which can no longer be fully funded by increasing bills to customers.

Like all the water companies, Welsh will have to time its move into the debt markets carefully over the next couple of years if it is to borrow cheaply and avoid the cost of having cash on deposit earning a low return.

The company's 14.9 per cent stake in Swalec was picked up for about £51 million in 1990 and 1991 as part of former chairman John Elfed Jones's efforts to diversify from the core water supply and sewerage businesses. Welsh Water drew criticism for spending much of its dowry after privatisation on stake-building in other industries. Welsh sold its Swalec stake in December for £69 million.

Welsh also diversified into the leisure business through the purchase of country house hotels for £8 million. But a £2.3 million writedown confirms that it bought at the top of the market and has taken the full weight of the recession in the hotels sector.

MARC ASPLAND



Close combat: Robert Hissom, left, and Pancho Marin-Mareno engage in a tussle at the annual polo clash between the Stock Exchange and Lloyd's of London, the insurance market, at Checkendon Park, Berkshire. In keeping with the difficult times, Lloyd's lost the match

Institutions well placed in BT3 sale

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

INSTITUTIONAL investors appear well placed to do some hard bargaining today, in the final few hours before the close of the government's £5 billion BT3 share sale.

The number of shares allocated to institutions is likely to be just under half the 1.22 billion offered for sale, following the low level of demand from private investors.

Institutions are believed to be bidding at about 10p above the current market price for the fully paid shares. Yesterday the price fell 1p to 409½p.

Just over 1.4 million people have applied for shares in the government's BT3 sell-off, demonstrating a clear lack of interest in BT3 compared with BT2. This time, about half the applications from private investors are from existing BT shareholders, against 15 per cent during BT2.

The UK public offer, for half the 1.22 billion shares on offer, was 1.3 times subscribed, private investors applying for about 800 million. Last night government advisers said counting was continuing.

The government has reserved the right to sell as much as 67 per cent to the public, but analysts believe the allocations are unlikely to change much.

One analyst said the current lack of public interest puts institutional investors in a strong position today in the final hours of the international tender offer. The price of the final instalment will be set over the weekend, based on the value of bids from institutions. The allocation of shares will be made tomorrow.

Rank offers investors share alternative plan

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

RANK Organisation is the latest big corporation to seek to save tax and the cost of dividends with an enhanced share alternative to shareholders that will bring in 50 per cent more than a straight dividend payment.

The company announced the scheme with the interim results yesterday. A one-off dividend of 31p for the whole year is declared, equal to the payment last time. But shareholders will also be given the chance to approve, by a 75 per cent majority, an enhanced share alternative that would give them shares worth 46.5p for every share already held, a 50 per cent increase on the dividend.

The shares can be sold immediately for a minimum 99 per cent of their face value through Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities, the broker, so providing for those shareholders who want a cash payment. The effect for Rank is the saving of £96 million that would have to be paid out as this year's dividend and an additional £27.8 million of advance corporation tax. The scheme is similar to that brought in by BAT Industries this year after changes to ACT rules in the Budget.

Rank accompanied a set of interim figures that showed it was holding its head above water with a warning that there was no end in sight for the recession. The shares, encouraged to a 16p rise on immediate release of the figures and dividend, subsided to end 15p lower at 752p.

Pre-tax profits for the 28 weeks to May 15 were £95.7 million, against a figure of £94 million previously reported and a restated figure of £19.8 million to take into account the effect of the new FRS3 accounting convention on profits from disposals.

The contribution from the Rank Xerox joint venture slipped to £68.5 million, from £71.7 million, in difficult market conditions in Europe and the Far East. Michael Gifford, chief executive, said that, contrary to reports, Rank is not considering selling its holding in the joint venture, although he conceded the matter had been discussed by both parties in the past.

Mr Gifford said there had been only a "patchy improvement" in the company's markets, which span leisure, film services, holidays and hotels, with some improvements offset by difficulties elsewhere. "It's therefore not yet clear if there will be any overall material improvement in our markets in the current year."

Tempus, page 25

Report on B&C firm due soon

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE trade department is close to publishing its long-awaited report on Atlantic Computers, the former leasing subsidiary of the British & Commonwealth financial services group. B&C collapsed in 1990 with debts of £1 billion.

The department yesterday confirmed that its investigation is at an advanced stage. Inspectors were appointed in June 1990 to investigate possible fraud and misconduct under Section 432 of the Companies Act 1985.

The investigation was expected to focus on preparation of Atlantic's reports and accounts between 1985 and 1990. Spicer & Oppenheim was the company's auditor from 1983 to 1988, when it was replaced by KPMG Peat Marwick.

British & Commonwealth, headed by John Gunn, collapsed six weeks after writing off, in April 1990, its £550 million investment in Atlantic.

This week, Atlantic Computer Systems, the main UK subsidiary of the American-based group, passed from administration into liquidation, raising hopes of a dividend of up to 15p for creditors.

John Soden, of Price Waterhouse, joint liquidator, hopes to pay a dividend of 10p to 15p by the end of the year. However, he says that "significant uncertainty" about size of payout will remain until PW has advertised for claims. PW has removed an estimated £85 million of liabilities, realising more than £39 million after costs, compared with an initial estimate of £16 million.

Liquidation enables PW to agree creditors' claims and to fix a payment. Atlantic Computer Systems had liabilities exceeding £500 million when it went into administration.

Swan Hunter directors made redundant

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE four directors of Swan Hunter shipbuilders who bought the Tyneside yard out of the public sector seven years ago are among the latest redundancies announced by Price Waterhouse, the receivers.

Alex Marsh, Peter Vaughan, Roger Vaughan and Ken Chapman paid British Shipbuilders £5 million for the yard in January 1986, but were unable to save it after a £170 million contract for a navy helicopter carrier went to VSEL in Cumbria.

Yesterday, the four, who lost their jobs with the six other board members, issued a statement that they would stay on as unpaid advisers to Price Waterhouse. "We are committed to assisting the receivers in selling the business and thereby retain on Tyneside the capability, the spirit and teamwork that has lead to Swan Hunter's reputation for the excellence of its product, workmanship and design."

They declined to make any further comment about their fate, but a close friend said: "They desperately wanted to be successful after the buyout, but never thought it would be easy. Their main aim was to keep shipbuilding alive on the Tyne, but they did not go into it with rose-tinted glasses."

The failure of the yard will be a personal financial disaster for the directors, several of whom used their own homes and savings as security for bank support of the company. Their dismissal is part of 285 redundancies announced last week.

Turnover up but Wood still in red

STEPHEN MARKESON



Better sign: George Pope and Ian Honnersham

JOHN D Wood, the upmarket estate agency, scored its highest quarterly turnover in the three months to April 30 but the boost to sales was not enough to put the firm back in the black.

The pre-tax loss was reduced from £497,000 to £291,000 on virtually static turnover of £4.7 million but unit sales increased and joint chairman George Pope and Ian Honnersham reckon the trend is improving and forecast the company will return to profit this year.

"Since January we have had competitive bids and gazumping in some areas," Mr Pope said.

There is again no dividend.

Asda is first to clarify options targets

BY OUR CITY EDITOR

ASDA, the supermarket group, became the first company to spell out the performance targets to be used in its executive share option scheme after a crackdown on Wednesday by big City institutions.

The insurance and pension funds represented by the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds are insisting that companies publicly declare performance criteria that must be met before options can be exercised.

They are also insisting that the criteria are set by a Cadbury-style remuneration committee and that they are relevant to the business in which the company is involved.

Asda, which is being turned round by a team of directors under Archie Norman, the chief executive, set up in January a long-term incentive plan to attract and retain the people it felt were needed to bring about an improvement. At that point, the options to be granted were revealed, along with the terms of a £347 million cash call to raise funds to enable Asda to continue to open stores in competition with Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll, its main rivals.

Asda did not, however, reveal any performance criteria that had to be met before the options would be granted.

Yesterday afternoon, the company disclosed the terms under which the option packages would be met. It said the timing was "just pure coincidence". It had been "planning to make this announcement for a couple of days".

Shareholders are told that the options become exercisable at a nominal price at various dates between July 1996 and December 1997. The company explains that nominal means less than 1p. But for the options to be exercisable in full, growth in aggregate group earnings per share over five years must be at least 15 per cent a year and the share price must not stand at less than 100p. No exercise of options is allowed if earnings per share growth is below 10 per cent a year and the share price is below 45p.

There are various intermediate positions at which some options may be exercised but these are not specified by the company.

The announcement specifies that Mr Norman has been granted two million options and that one million each go to the finance director and the remaining three executive directors of the company.

Ironically, however, Mr Norman gave warning this month that the golden era of growth for Britain's food retailers was coming to an end as the market became saturated.

His gloom was in marked contrast to the big three, which have consistently dismissed suggestions that the industry is reaching saturation point. If Mr Norman is right, neither he nor his co-directors are likely to reap the benefits of their incentive package.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

071-782 7344

LEGAL NOTICES

(A) Beacon Storage Limited (B) Birch Cross Limited (C) Birch Transport Limited
Registered Numbers: (A) 391995 (B) 02158090 (C) 448130
Former company name - (A) and (B) none (C) Langton Storage & Transport Limited. Trading Names: (A) Beacon Storage Limited (B) Birch Group Limited (C) Birch Transport Limited. Nature of Business: Warehousing/Storage Trade Classification: 46. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 12 July 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Nadeem Wahid, Minister Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Phillip Rodney Sykes and John Roger Hill, (Office Holder Nos) 6119 and 8737) of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH.

JOHN LELLIOTT CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
(Company No 1806927)
JOHN LELLIOTT (EASTERN) LIMITED
(Company No 543962)
JOHN LELLIOTT LIMITED
(Company No 829284)
JOHN LELLIOTT (SPECIALISED WORKS) LIMITED
(Company No 1826936)
JOHN LELLIOTT (WESTERN) LIMITED
(Company No 1666629)
KERRIDGE LIMITED
(Company No 2411761)
(ALL IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Principal Trading Address: 266 Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4LZ
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named companies will be held at The Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 28 July 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Roger Arthur Powdrill and David Llewellyn Morgan of Touche Ross & Co. PO Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the companies affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 30 June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
JOHN H LELLIOTT, Director

JOHN LELLIOTT PROJECTS LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Principal Trading Address: 266 Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4LZ
Company Number: 2660305
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 28 July 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Roger Arthur Powdrill and David Llewellyn Morgan of Touche Ross & Co. PO Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 30 June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J H LELLIOTT, Director

JOHN LELLIOTT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Principal Trading Address: 266 Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4LZ
Company Number: 1622453
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 28 July 1993 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Roger Arthur Powdrill and David Llewellyn Morgan of Touche Ross & Co. PO Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 30 June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J H LELLIOTT, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ASSOCIATED COATINGS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP) REGISTERED NUMBER: 1693467
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4822 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 12.00pm on Friday 30 July 1993 at Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 and 101 of said Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors should note that the meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the company.
Dated this 12th day of July 1993
I C POWELL, Joint Administrative Receiver

JOHN LELLIOTT DESIGN & BUILD LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Principal Trading Address: 266 Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4LZ
Company Number: 1632080
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Insurance Hall, 20 Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HY on 28 July 1993 at 4.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Roger Arthur Powdrill and David Llewellyn Morgan of Touche Ross & Co. PO Box 810, Friary Court, 66 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 30 June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J H LELLIOTT, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 005761 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of WINDSOR PLC
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 24th June 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £4,000,000 to £844,775.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 28th day of July 1993.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 6th day of July 1993
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St Paul's Churchyard
London EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above-named Company (Ref: 45)

No. 005797 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of MALAYA GROUP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 25th June 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the above-named Company by £2,586,000.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 28th day of July 1993.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 6th day of July 1993
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St Paul's Churchyard
London EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above-named Company (Ref: 45)

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Hydrott Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6SD on the 30 July 1993 at 10.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting (unless attending in person) must lodge a proxy at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD no later than noon on 29 July 1993.
A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD between 10am and 5pm during the two days next before the meeting.
Dated this 13 day of July 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P R Pearce, Director

STAGE AND CONFERENCE SERVICES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named company will be held at Cable House, 239 Regents Park Road, London, N3 3LF on Wednesday the 21st day of July 1993 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs, may be obtained from Harold J Soraky of Skoraky Specialised Financial Services, situated at Cable House, 239 Regents Park Road, London, N3 3LF being a person qualified to act as a Insolvency Practitioner.
DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P J O'FLAHERTY, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WEST LONDON AIR CONDITIONING LIMITED
Suite 2, Grange Chambers, 603 Uxbridge Road, Hayes, Middx.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Singla & Company, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4SA on Wednesday, 18th August, 1993 at 2.00 pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Singla & Company, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4SA between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 16th August 1993 and 17th August 1993.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Singla & Company, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4SA, no later than 12 noon on 17th August 1993. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Mr Derek Rayland Sharp, Director
8 July, 1993

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HERTS AND ESSEX TRAINING GROUP LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Friday 23rd July 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gowes Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of thesaid Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FCPA of 4 Chartershouse Mews, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (3) a of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
Dated this ninth day of July 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.E.SMITH, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
UNIVERSAL METAL SPRAYERS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP) REGISTERED NUMBER 1798074
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4822 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 11.30am on Friday 30 July 1993 at Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester, M2 4WS for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of said Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors should note that the meeting is not for the purpose of appointing a liquidator to the company.
Dated this 12th day of July 1993
I C POWELL, Joint Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
ACROSSCAIN LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington of Peppercorn & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 7th July 1993.
Dated this 13th day of July 1993
M R Darrington, Liquidator.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071 782 7344
or
FAX: 071 481 9313

TT rights issue to raise £51m

TT Group, the acquisitive mini-conglomerate, made a £51 million cash call on shareholders. The aim is to strengthen capital spending to £40 million in the next two years and to fund acquisitions.

The rights issue will be one for four ordinary shares, and/or five for 26 convertible preference shares — both at 240p a share, against yesterday's market price of 286p.

The company forecast a total dividend of at least 6.6p for 1993.

Tempus, page 25

Rentokil wins

Rentokil, the environmental services group, has received acceptances for its takeover bid for Securiguard from 40.35 per cent of Securiguard's shareholders. These, added to the 29.66 per cent stake it bought on July 2, give it victory in its £75.7 million bid.

Hi-Tec hopeful

Hi-Tec Sports, the sports shoe maker, hopes to return to the black this year. Frank van Wezel, chairman, said at the annual meeting that the group was performing better than in the first four months of 1992. The shares rose 5p to 47p.

ASH scrip

Automated Security (Holdings) said that in the six months to May 31 comparable operating profit from continuing operations had slipped from £12.2 million to £10.8 million. There is a 3.05p (2.25p) interim dividend and a scrip alternative equivalent to 4.58p a share.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.10
Austria Sch	19.10	17.60
Belgium Fr	58.10	51.70
Canada $	2.045	1.885
Denmark Kr	10.58	9.78
Finland Mkk	9.28	8.48
France Fr	9.25	8.55
Germany Dm	2.71	2.51
Greece Dr	366.00	341.00
Hong Kong $	12.30	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.035
Italy Lira	2485.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	178.50	159.50
Nethrlnds Gld	3.05	2.82
Norway Kr	11.54	10.74
Portugal Esc	260.60	242.60
S Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	207.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	12.45	11.65
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	17300.0	16300.0
USA $	1.60	1.47

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

STOCK MARKET

Oil sector falls as brokers fear collapse in the price of crude

OIL shares were on the slide, with sentiment in the sector undermined as brokers turned negative on the crude price outlook.

There were fears of a collapse in the crude oil price, with Kleinwort Benson and SG Warburg downgrading their crude price forecasts and Iraq temporarily suspending export-resumption talks with the UN.

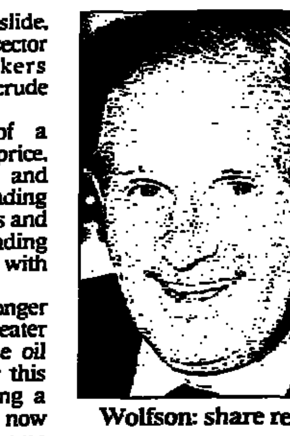
Analysts said that the longer the talks go on, the greater will be the fear that the oil price will fail to recover this year. Opec may be facing a crisis as many observers now appear to expect Iraq to come back in at some stage, prompting fears of oversupply in oil.

Among the losers, **BP** fell 6p to 292½p, **Enterprise** fell 4p to 445p, **Lasmo** fell 4½p to 140½p, **Ranger** fell 8p to 325p and **Shell** fell 4½p to 612p.

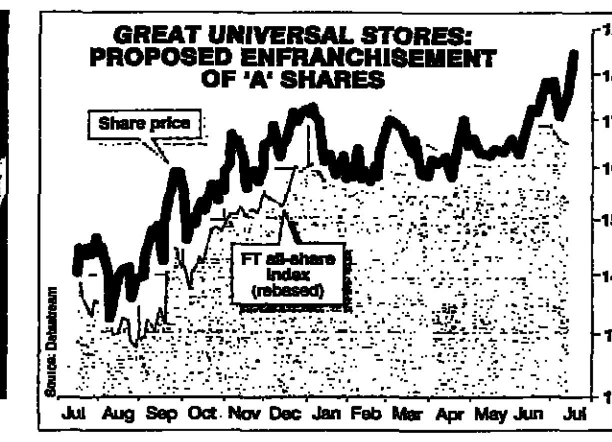
Equities found little comfort from better than expected unemployment figures, showing another fall in June. A fragile advance was restricted as dealers saw the chances of another UK interest rate cut as more remote after the Bundesbank's decision to maintain rates.

A negative start on Wall Street further dampened sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index saw small gains wiped out at the close, ending down 0.6 at 2,831.7. Volume reached 611.1 million.

Great Universal Stores was the centre of attention after the mail order giant accompanied a better than expected increae in annual profits with a much-rumoured reorganistion of its share structure that had investors scrambling for stock. GUS, chaired by Lord Wolfson, confirmed that it plans to enfranchise its non-voting 'A' shares. This will bring a windfall for shareholders in the form of extra shares, with holders of the voting shares set to receive four extra ordinary shares for every five held. The news boosted 'A' shares by 110p to £18.75, while GUS ordinary shares rose 100p to £34.38.



Wolfson: share reform



After a seminar on quality home furnishing, Hoare Govett expects a sector recovery. Walker Greenbank, off 1p to 78p, is rated a long-term buy. Laura Ashley, down 1p to 107p is seen as undervalued long term.

The GUS enfranchisement sparked interest in others with complicated voting structures. **Whitbread**, up 2p to 481p, was inspired by GUS's restructuring, while **Hammerson 'A'** added 15p to 322p.

Marks and Spencer reversed an early fall to finish up 5p at 337p, after Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman, sounded an upbeat note at the group's annual meeting. Elsewhere in the sector, **Boots** added 5p to 422p, and **Kingfisher** 9p to 583p. **Next**, where there was market talk of a possible bid from the cash-rich GUS, advanced 7½p to 174½p. However, **QS Holdings** was a major casualty, diving 70p to 235p after the clothes chain group gave a profits warning.

There was indirect advice to switch from GEC, down ½p to 319½p, to **Hanson**, ½p softer at 236½p, as Hoare Govett pointed out that Hanson's yield is seen as "significantly more attractive" than that from GEC.

Norcros, the building materials group, firmed 2p to 154p on news of a 94.4 per cent take-up of its £50 million two-for-seven rights issue, at 132p a share. The rump of the issue is understood to have been placed, at 151p.

Cray Electronics fell 5p to 149½p, on heavy volume of 13 million, with informed reports that Warburg had bought 7 million Cray shares at 144p and sold 6 million at 146p.

A profit downgrading from NatWest Securities saw **Laporte** slide 11p to 598p.

Composite insurance shares eased after a relatively negative review from Goldman Sachs, with **Commercial Union** down 3p to 616p, **General Accident** down 7p to 617p and **Royal Insurance** down 2p to 319p.

P & O, the shipping to property group, firmed 2p to 620p in spite of news that Tim Sainsbury, the trade minister, had ruled that a request for a joint operation with Sealink to combat the Channel tunnel would not be allowed because it would reduce consumer choice and remove effective price competition.

Powell Duffryn firmed 11p to 554p, boosted by a reiterated buy recommendation from Carr Kitcat & Aitken after a visit on Wednesday.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts had a less volatile day, with early falls reversed after another fall in unemployment and better than expected underlying average earnings figures for May. The September series of the **long gilt** future rose three ticks to £109, on a volume of 36,000 contracts completed. Among stocks, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** added two ticks to £111 12/32, while **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** firmed two ticks to £110 10/32.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Sharelink flotation price set at 250p

By Our City Staff

SHARES in Sharelink Investment Services will be priced at 250p, valuing the telephone-based private-client stockbroker at £42.1 million in its forthcoming stock market flotation.

The Birmingham company, of which David Jones is chief executive, is selling less than half of its shares to realise £5 million, which will be used to pay back finance used for last year's management buyout. The public can buy up to half of the 7.9 million shares being offered. The offer is fully underwritten by Hill Samuel. At the issue price, the shares will be on a pro forma price/earnings ratio of 16.6 times, yielding a notional 3.75 per cent. The offer is understood to have generated considerable interest, with more than 20,000 private investors having already registered for the shares.

Mr Jones, who holds 2.29 million shares or 13.6 per cent of the equity, is keeping 75 per cent of his stake. Brokers expect Sharelink's pre-tax profits to top £5 million in the current year to end-March 1994 (pro forma £3.4 million).

Completed application forms must be returned by 10am next Thursday, with dealing in the shares expected to start on Friday, July 30.

☐ Sharelink is linking with the Halifax, the UK's biggest building society, to provide a share dealing service. It is understood that it will be offered to some customers from the weekend and to all from early next month. The Halifax, which has an estimated 13 million customers, is to release full details tomorrow.

NatWest, Midland and Abbey National, through Sharelink, are already significant players in the highly competitive private client share dealing business.

Firms need help, page 25



Float on: David Jones

WALL STREET

Drug shares hit Dow

New York — Wall Street shares remained weak at midday, but blue chips recovered from late-morning lows. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.67 at 3,533.88. Analysts noted falls in drug shares and some technology issues weighing on the market and profit-taking after Wednesday's rally.

☐ Tokyo — Shares ended firmer, but well off highs, as day-traders cashed in early gains. The Nikkei index closed up 18.91, or 0.09 per cent, at 20,158.02. Hopes of credit-easing and of lower income tax lifted prices at first, but the rally lacked momentum amid caution ahead of Sunday's general election. *(Reuter)*

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 14 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¼
AMR Corp	62¾	62¾
Abbott Labs	25½	25¾
Aetna Life	57⅝	57⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	42	41⅞
Albertson's	53⅝	53⅝
Alcan Aluminum	19⅝	19¼
Alco Standard	42⅝	42⅝
Allied Signal	67⅞	67¼
Alum Co of Am	71⅛	71⅛
Amax	24⅜	24¼
Amerada Hess	47¼	47⅝
Amer Brands	33⅝	33⅝
Amer Cyanamid	54	54⅛
Amer El Power	37⅞	37¼
Amer Express	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Genl Corp	30⅝	30¼
Amer Home Pr	63⅛	64¼
Amer Intl	135	134¼
Amer Stores	44	44¼
Amer T & T	63	62⅞
Ameritech	77¼	78
Amoco	53⅛	54¼
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	47⅝
Apple Computer	36¼	37¼
Archer Daniels	23⅞	23⅝
Arkla	9⅝	9⅝
Armco	7⅛	7¼
Armstrng Wrld	30⅝	31
Asarco	18⅝	18⅛
Ashland Oil	26⅜	26¼
Atl Richfield	110⅞	112¼
Auto Data Pro	48⅛	49
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29⅝
Avon Products	58⅝	59¼
Baker Hughes	25¼	26¼
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	25⅝
Banc One	55⅝	55⅝
BankAmerica	44⅞	44⅞
Bank of NY	57⅝	58⅜
Bankers Tr NY	75⅝	75⅝
Barnett Banks	46⅛	45⅝
Bausch & Lomb	48⅝	48⅝
Baxter Intl	26⅝	27⅝
Becton Dickson	38¼	38½
Bell Atlantic	56⅞	57
BellSouth	55⅝	55¼
Black & Decker	21⅛	21⅜
Block (H&R)	35⅝	35⅝
Boeing	37¼	37¼
Boise Cascade	22⅜	22⅝
Borden Inc	18⅛	18⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¼	60⅝
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27⅜
Burlington Nthn	51⅛	51⅛
CBS	244⅜	245
CNA Financial	93⅛	92⅞
CPC Intl	41⅛	41⅛
CSX	69⅛	68¾
Campbell Soup	39¼	39⅝
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	509⅞	502
Cptl Holdings	42⅛	41⅜
Carolina Pwr	32⅝	33
Caterpillar	76⅞	76⅞
Central & SW	33⅝	33⅝
Champion Intl	32⅝	33¼
Chase Manhat	31⅜	31⅛
Chemical Bk	39⅛	39
Chevron Corp	83⅞	84⅛
Chrysler	46¼	46⅜
Chubb Corp	91⅛	91⅞
Cigna Corp	58	58⅝
Citicorp	31	31
Clorox	55⅞	55
Coastal Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Coca Cola	44⅝	44⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅝	56⅞
Columbia Gas	23	23⅝
Commnw Ed	28⅞	28⅝
Compaq Comp	46⅝	48⅝
Comp Ass Intl	28⅜	28⅞
ConAgra	25⅜	25⅞
Cons Edison	36	36
Cons Nat Ges	48⅝	49⅞
Cons Rail	53⅞	53⅞
Cooper Inds	50⅛	50⅛
Corning Inc	33	32⅝
Crown Cork	34⅛	34⅛
Dana Corp	53⅞	53⅝
Dayton Hudson	68	68
Deere	66	65⅞
Delta Air Lines	48⅛	48⅝
Deluxe Corp	38⅝	38⅝
Detroit Edison	34⅛	34⅜
Digital Equip	40⅜	39⅝
Dillard Dept St	36⅝	37⅝
Disney (Walt)	37⅝	37⅝
Dominion Res	45⅞	45⅞
Donelley (RR)	29⅝	29
Dover Corp	47⅞	46⅞
Dow Chemicals	57⅞	57⅞
Dow Jones	29⅝	29⅝
Dresser	24⅜	24⅞
Duke Power	41⅛	41⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅝	60
Du Pont	48⅛	49⅛
Eastman Kodak	51⅛	51½
Eaton Corp	43⅜	43⅛

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 14 close
Emerson Elec	58¼	59
Engelhard Corp	38⅝	37
Enron Corp	65⅝	66⅛
Entergy Corp	37⅝	37⅝
Ethyl Corp	18⅛	18⅝
Exxon	64⅞	64⅞
FMC Corp	46⅛	47
FPL Group	38⅞	38⅝
Federal Express	53⅝	53⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	83⅝	84
First Chicago	43⅝	42⅛
First Interstate	65⅝	65⅝
First Union Rlty	10⅝	10⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅞	33⅞
Fluor Corp	42⅝	43
Ford Motor	50⅞	51⅛
GTE Corp	36⅞	36⅜
Gannett	50⅝	50⅞
Gap Inc Del	29⅝	29⅝
Gen Dynamics	87¼	88
Gen Electric	98⅝	98⅝
Gen Mills	67⅝	67⅜
Gen Motors	47¼	47¼
Gen Reinsurance	119⅝	120⅝
Gen Signal	65	66⅜
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	60⅞	60⅞
Gillette	54	54
Glaxo ADR	16⅛	16⅛
Goodrich (BF)	45⅞	45⅝
Goodyear Tire	41⅛	41
Grace (WR)	40⅞	40⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30⅝	30⅝
Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	17
Halliburton	37⅝	38
Harcourt General	39⅝	39⅝
Heinz (HJ)	36⅛	36⅝
Hercules	78⅝	78⅝
Hershey Foods	45⅞	45⅞
Hewlett Packard	77⅞	78⅛
Hilton Hotels	44⅛	44⅞
Home Depot	44⅝	44⅞
Homestake Mng	19⅝	19⅝
Honeywell	39⅝	38⅝
Household Intl	73⅝	73⅞
Houston Inds	45⅝	45⅝
Humana	12⅝	12⅝
ITT Corp	86⅝	86⅞
Illinois Tool	37	36⅝
INCO	21⅛	21⅛
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	28⅞	28⅝
Intel Corp	53⅝	53⅝
IBM	47⅝	47⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅜	114⅞
Intl Paper	63⅛	64⅜
James River Va	20⅝	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39⅝	40⅝
K Mart	20⅝	20⅝
Kellogg	51⅛	51⅛
Kerr-McGee	50⅝	50⅝
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	47⅞
Knight-Ridder	52⅞	53⅝
Lilly (Eli)	46⅛	47⅝
Limited Inc	21⅛	21
LIN Brdcstng	103⅝	103⅝
Lincoln Nat	39⅝	39⅞
Litton	64⅞	64⅞
Liz Claiborne	31	31⅛
Lockheed Corp	66	66⅝
Louisiana Pac	32⅝	33
MCI Commun	28⅞	28⅝
Marriott	27⅛	27⅝
Marsh & McLnn	85⅝	85⅝
Masco Corp	27⅝	27⅝
May Dept St	39⅝	39⅝
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	49	49
McDonalds	49⅝	49⅝
McDonnell D	71⅛	71⅛
McGraw Hill	59⅛	59⅝
Mead Corp	42	42⅝
Medtronic	65⅛	65⅛
Mellon Bk	55⅛	55⅛
Melville Corp	46⅝	46⅛
Merck Inc	33⅛	34⅛
Merrill Lynch	82⅛	82⅝
Minnesota Mine	108⅛	107⅝
Mobil Corp	70⅝	71⅛
Monsanto	58	58⅝
Morgan (JP)	70⅝	69⅝
Motorola Inc	89⅝	89⅝
Natl Medical	11⅛	11⅛
Natl Semi	17⅛	17
Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26
Navistar Intl	27⅛	27⅝
NBD Bancorp	33	33⅝
NY Times A	24⅝	24⅛
Newmont Mng	53⅝	53⅝
Niag Mohawk	24	24⅝
Nike B	57⅛	57
NL Industries	5⅛	5
Nordstrom	27⅝	28⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅝	63⅝
Nthn State Pwr	45⅛	45⅛
Norwest Corp	26⅝	26⅛
Nynex Corp	90⅝	91⅛
Occidental Pet	20⅛	20⅛
Ohio Edison	24⅛	24⅝
Oracle Systems	49⅝	49⅝

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 14 close
Oryx Energy Co	19⅛	20
Owens Corning	41⅛	41⅛
PNC Financial	30⅝	30⅝
PPG Industries	67⅝	66⅝
Paccar Inc	59⅞	59⅞
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	24⅛	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elec	34	34
Pac Telesis	49⅝	49⅛
Pall Corp	15⅛	17⅛
Panhandle East	24	24⅝
Paramnt Comm	54⅛	54⅝
Parker Hannifin	31	30⅝
Penney (JC)	45⅝	45
Pennzoil	62⅝	62⅝
Pepsico	35⅛	35⅛
Pfizer	63⅛	64⅛
Phelps Dodge	46⅝	45⅝
Philadel Elec	30⅝	30⅛
Philip Morris	50⅛	49⅛
Phillips Pet	28⅝	29⅛
Pitney Bowes	41⅛	41⅛
Polaroid	36⅛	37
Price Co	34	34⅛
Primerica	51⅛	51⅛
Procter & Gmbl	52⅛	52⅝
Pub Serv E & G	33⅛	34⅛
Quaker Oats	69⅝	73
Ralston Purina	46	46⅛
Raychem Corp	38⅛	37⅝
Raytheon	61	60
Reebok Intl	27⅛	27⅛
Reynolds Metals	49⅛	49⅛
Roadway Srvcs	58⅛	58
Rockwell Intl	30⅝	30⅝
Rohm & Haas	53⅝	53⅛
Royal Dutch	90	91⅛
Rubbermaid	29⅛	29⅛
Safeco Corp	59⅝	57⅛
St Paul's Cos	84⅛	84⅝
Salomon Inc	38⅛	39
Santa Fe S Pac	17⅛	17⅛
Sara Lee Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Secorp	23⅝	23⅝
Schering Plough	65⅝	66⅛
Schlumberger	61⅛	63⅛
Scott Paper	32⅛	32⅛
Seagram	26	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	44⅛	44⅛
Shell Trans	55⅛	55⅛
Sherwin Wllms	31	31⅛
Skyline Corp	18⅛	18
Snap-On-Tools	38⅝	38⅝
Southern Co	42⅛	42⅛
Sthwestern Bell	39⅝	39⅛
Sprint Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Stanley Works	41	41⅛
Sun Company	25⅝	25⅝
Suntrust	46	46⅛
Supervalu	35⅛	35⅛
Syntex Corp	18	18⅛
Sysco Corp	25⅛	25⅛
TRW Inc	61⅛	61⅛
Tandem Comp	10⅛	10⅛
Tandy Corp	29	29⅛
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅛
Teledyne	22⅛	22⅛
Temple Inland	43⅛	43⅛
Tenneco	50⅛	51⅛
Texaco	62	63
Texas Inst	75⅛	74⅛
Texas Utilities	47⅛	47⅛
Textron	51⅛	51⅛
Time Warner	38⅛	38⅛
Times-Mirror	30⅛	30⅛
Timken	32⅛	32⅛
Torchmark	54⅛	54⅛
Toys R Us	39⅛	39⅛
Transamerica	54	54
Travelers Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Tribune	51⅛	50⅛
Tyco Labs	40⅛	40⅛
UAL Corp	134⅛	133
UST Inc	29⅛	29⅛
USX Marathon	16⅛	17⅛
Unilever NV	98⅛	99⅛
Union Camp	42⅛	42⅛
Union Carbide	19⅛	18⅛
Union Pacific	60⅛	60⅛
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11⅛
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	19⅛	19⅛
US Life	41	40⅛
US West	46	46⅛
United Tech	54⅛	55⅛
Unocal Corp	28⅛	29⅛
Upjohn	28⅛	28⅛
VF Corp	47	46⅛
WMX Tech	31⅛	32⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅛	26⅛
Warner-Lambert	67⅛	68⅛
Wells Fargo	108⅛	107⅛
Westinghouse El	16⅛	15⅛
Weyerhaeuser	40⅛	42⅛
Whirlpool	57	57⅛
Whitman	13⅛	13⅛
Winn Dixie	58⅛	58⅛
Woolworth	26⅛	26⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33⅛	33⅛
Xerox	76⅛	76⅛

RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	128	...	Eaglet Inv Warrants	34	...
Anagen (100)	90	...	Enviromed (110)	117	...
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...	Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	16½	+½
Baring Emrg Mtks ($10)	679	...	Field Group (250)	288	+7
Business Post (120)	136	+2	Fine Decor (210)	261	...
Carpetright (148)	165	-1	Finsbury Smaller Co's C	149	...
Celsis International (100)	103	...	Govett Emerging Mkts	96	...
Court Cavendish (225)	196	-2	Govett Emerging Mkts Wts	50	...
Crabtree (150)	233	...	Ivory & Sime ISIS (100)	99	...
Creston Warrants	7½	...	Johnson Fry Util (100)	100	...
Devro International (170)	192	...	Kerry Group A	265	...
Eaglet Inv Trust	97	...	Nrthn Irlnd Elec (100)	136	-1

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BARBOUR INDEX (Fin)
Pre-tax:£3.4m (£3.7m)
EPS:13.8p (14.8p)
Div:5.45p mkg 8p (7.25p)
Sales rose to £12 million from £11.9 million last time. Profit shortfall due to spending on new services.

HAMPSON INDS. (Fin)
Pre-tax:£3.75m (£4.05m)
EPS:3.25p (3.65p)
Div:1.2p mkg 1.6p
Total dividend last time 2.373p. Furniture sales 20 per cent up on previous year. Significant growth potential.

DRUCK HLDS. (Fin)
Pre-tax:£4.69m (£4.68m)
EPS:48.1p (46.5p)
Div:6.6p mkg 10p (9.4p)
Orders up by 11 per cent. Encouraging progress made at Japanese offshoot. Group now exports to over 50 countries.

VERSON INTL. (Fin)
Pre-tax:£3.3m loss.
LPS:2.27p (LPS 8.66p)
Div:No dividends.
Loss last time £12.2 million. Gross margins up to 13.2 per cent (9.6 per cent). Financial position now stabilised.

NORBAIN ELECTRONICS
Pre-tax:£1.01m
EPS:12.28p (5.49p)
Div:1.5p mkg 1.5p (1p)
Final results. Last time's profit was £502,000. First venture in France. Sales to Europe well up.

JURYS HOTEL GRP (Fin)
Pre-tax:Ir£2.32m
EPS:Ir7.6p (Ir8.3p)
Div:Ir3p mkg Ir5p (Ir5p)
Last time's profit was Ir£2.51 million. Early summer bookings sluggish. Some recovery now underway.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Lloyds	588p (+13p)	J Holt	3113p (-12p)
A McAlpine	204p (+11p)	Tilbury Douglas	585p (-15p)
Powell Duffryn	554p (+11p)	Barbour Index	210p (-20p)
Euro Disney	650p (+12p)	Brit Data Mngmt	243p (-11p)
ERF	281p (+21p)	Carlton Comms	748p (-8p)
Frogmore	394p (+10p)	Lookers	143p (-11p)
Hammerson 'A'	322p (+15p)	Portsmouth Sund	636p (-9p)
Peel	244p (+11p)	Ranger Oil	325p (-8p)
Stylo	183p (+13p)	Lambert	335p (-10p)
BAT	427p (+9p)		
Mersey Docks	350p (+9p)		

Closing Prices Page 26

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	18,000	Cadbury	1,100	MB Cardn	631	Scot Power	2,700
Abbey Natl	4,200	Carlton Cms	425	Marks Spr	9,500	Sears	5,300
Alld-Lyons	2,400	Coats Vly	4,500	NFC	157	Svrn Trent	815
Anglian W	907	Cm Union	1,400	NatWst Bk	3,200	Shell Trans	4,000
Argyll Gp	2,000	Courtaulds	1,000	Nat Power	1,200	Siebe	710
Arjo Wiggn	4,800	De La Rue	184	Nth Wst W	373	SmKl Bch	1,500
AB Foods	230	Enterpr Oil	701	Nthrn Fds	2,800	Smith Nph	1,900
BAA	1,200	Forte	1,800	P & O	2,900	Std Chartd	922
BAT Inds	14,000	GRE	2,800	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	1,000
BOC	998	GUS A	3,300	PowerGen	445	TI Gp	312
BP	5,500	Gen Acc	1,200	Prudential	5,000	TSB	4,000
BT	8,300	Gen Elec	4,700	RMC	170	Tate & Lyle	861
BTR	2,800	Glaxo	5,600	RTZ	1,200	Tesco	5,200
Bk of Scot	1,100	Granada	744	Rank Org	5,100	Thames W	579
Barclays	2,200	Grand Met	3,200	Reckitt Col	1,700	Thrn EMI	1,700
Bass	4,100	Guinness	2,800	Redland	937	Tomkins	3,400
Blue Circle	1,400	HSBC	983	Reed Intl	314	Unilever	1,900
Boots	5,600	Hanson	3,400	Rentokil	1,800	Utd Bisc	438
Bowater	1,000	ICI	3,400	Reuters	603	Vodafone	1,900
Brit Aero	780	Inchcape	2,500	Rothmans	117	Warburg (SG)	232
Brit Airwys	3,000	Kingfisher	4,100	Ryl Ins	1,800	Wellcome	687
Brit Gas	5,700	Ladbroke	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	3,400	Whitbd 'A'	2,200
Brit Steel	7,700	Land Secs	1,300	Sainsbury	1,900	Wllms Hld	1,500
Burmah Cast	367	Legal & Gn	701	Scot Hydro	650	Wolseley	140
Cable Wire	1,400	Lloyds Bk	4,300	Scot & New	502	Zeneca	3,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3533.88 (-8.67)
S&P Composite	448.30 (-1.78)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Av'ge	20158.02 (+18.91)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	6978.54 (+23.04)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	116.9 (-0.2)
Sydney: AO	1805.9 (+1.4)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	1807.66 (-3.89)
FT 30 share:	2221.5 (+0.6)
Brussels:	
General	6797.77 (+30.66)
Paris: CAC	546.06 (+0.97)
Zurich: SKA Gen	542.00 (-2.00)
London:	
FT A All-Share	1406.10 (+0.13)
FT 500	1508.83 (-0.95)
FT Gold Mines	221.0 (-4.3)
FT Fixed Interest	117.01 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs	98.45 (-0.01)
Bargains	27170
SEAQ Volume	611.1m
USM (Datastrm)	139.18 (-0.19)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 12	July 23	October 14	October 25

Call options were taken out on 15/7/93: Aminex, Avesco, Caverdale, Clyde Pet, Courts Cavendish, Denistron Intl, Emess Lighting, McCarthy & Stone, Micro Focus, Regalian Prop, Resort Hotels, Spring Ram, Telemetrix, Waterford Uts.
Puts: Denistron Intl, Tiphook. **Put & Call:** Medeva.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2844.0	2849.0	2837.0	2840.0	8052
Previous open interest: 43328	Dec 93	2862.0	2862.0	2862.0	2858.0	2
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.22	94.22	94.16	94.17	25634
Previous open interest: 336633	Dec 93	94.45	94.45	94.40	94.42	10197
	Mar 94	94.39	94.41	94.37	94.39	3938
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.62	96.64	96.62	96.63	443
Previous open interest: 13464	Dec 93	96.27	96.29	96.27	96.27	363
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.30	93.32	93.25	93.28	51732
Previous open interest: 645245	Dec 93	94.04	94.04	93.96	93.98	19710
Long Gilt	Sep 93	109-01	109-03	108-20	109-00	38549
Previous open interest: 91483	Dec 93	108-03	108-03	108-00	108-08	136
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	109.63	109.73	109.61	109.69	1045
	Dec 93				108.70	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	96.36	96.37	95.98	96.12	91878
Previous open interest: 178687	Dec 93	96.40	96.40	96.24	96.28	48
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.06	100.07	99.90	99.99	3957
Previous open interest: 19576	Dec 93	100.26	100.26	100.26	100.20	40
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.06	93.09	92.96	92.99	3980
Previous open interest: 31057	Dec 93	93.73	93.77	93.65	93.69	1298
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.59	95.61	95.52	95.59	4543
Previous open interest: 41534	Dec 93	95.83	95.84	95.79	95.83	1221
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	104.12	104.13	103.80	103.99	15602
Previous open interest: 49232	Dec 93	103.73	103.73	103.55	103.63	700

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.3 (day's range 81.3-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8879-2.9030	2.8882-2.8917	⅜-¼ds	⅞-⅝ds
Brussels	52.80-53.23	52.80-52.86	6-10ds	14-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9690-10.0660	9.9690-9.9920	2½-3½ds	5½-4¼ds
Dublin	1.0595-1.0615	1.0596-1.0611	3-9ds	13-20ds
Frankfurt	2.5653-2.5803	2.5653-2.5686	¼-⅜ds	¾-1ds
Lisbon	247.90-251.17	248.64-249.11	101-136ds	305-370ds
Madrid	200.74-203.24	201.10-201.39	96-105ds	260-280ds
Milan	2365.90-2398.60	2365.90-2372.00	8-10ds	21-23ds
Montreal	1.9053-1.9258	1.9053-1.9082	0.33-0.22pr	0.60-0.46pr
New York	1.4880-1.5010	1.4880-1.4890	0.38-0.36pr	1.03-1.00pr
Oslo	10.8470-11.0130	10.8470-10.8700	¼-⅝ds	par-1⅜ds
Paris	8.7620-8.8220	8.7640-8.7780	1⅞-2⅛ds	4⅞-5⅜ds
Stockholm	11.8650-11.9330	11.8650-11.8890	2-3¼ds	5⅞-7½ds
Tokyo	160.44-161.29	160.77-161.04	⅝-⅜pr	⅛-1ds
Vienna	18.01-18.17	18.01-18.05	½-1½ds	1⅞-2½ds
Zurich	2.2567-2.2696	2.2572-2.2604	⅜-⅛pr	⅜-½pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4904-1.4930
Australia dollar	2.1975-2.2007
Bahrain dinar	0.560-0.572
Brazil cruzeiro*	92800.1-92857.5
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland marka	8.6495-8.7655
Greece drachma	349.25-356.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.593-11.683
India rupee	46.67-47.63
Kuwait dinar KD	0.448-0.458
Malaysia ringgit	3.8382-3.8423
Mexico peso	4.63-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.7203-2.7272
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.567-5.693
Singapore dollar	2.4174-2.4206
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8379-6.8724
S Africa rand (com)	4.9985-5.0064
U A E dirham	5.453-5.577

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4679-1.4690
Austria	12.07-12.08
Belgium (Com)	35.39-35.40
Canada	1.2805-1.2815
Denmark	6.654-6.664
France	5.8725-5.8775
Germany	1.720-1.721
Hong Kong	7.755-7.756
Ireland	1.4033-1.4043
Italy	1590.0-1593.0
Japan	107.5-107.6
Malaysia	2.5665-2.5675
Netherlands	1.933-1.934
Norway	7.29-7.30
Portugal	166.1-166.3
Singapore	1.6165-1.6175
Spain	134.5-134.6
Sweden	7.922-7.932
Switzerland	1.5122-1.5132

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5¾-5⅝	5½-5⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¾	6-5¾	6-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5½
Interbank:	6-5¾	6-5¾	6-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5½
Overnight: open 6¼, close 6¼.					
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5⅞	5½
Sterling CDs:	6-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅞	5⅝-5½	5½-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.14-3.13	3.32-3.28	3.53-3.51
Building Society CDs:	6-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-5⅞	5⅞-5½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3	3⅜-3⅛	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	7⅞-7¾	7⅞-7¾	7¼-7⅛	7-6⅞	7¼-6¾
French Franc:	9-8½	9-8½	8½-8	7⅞-7⅝	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4½-4⅜	4½-4⅜	4⅜-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-3	3¼-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.25-391.75 **Close:** $394.00-394.50 **High:** $394.20-394.70 **Low:** $390.00-390.50 · **Krugerrand:** $393.00-395.00 (£264.00-266.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£60.50-62.50) New $91.00-93.00 (£60.50-62.50)
Platinum: $404.20 (£269.50) **Silver:** $5.08 (£3.41) **Palladium:** $139.75 (£93.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	47	60	68½	1	7½	15
(*542½)	550	6	28	37½	13	26	33
Argyll	300	7½	20	27	6	14½	20½
(*303)	330	1	8	13½	31	34	38½
ASDA	57	4½	7	-	1½	4½	-
(*60½)	67	1	3½	-	8½	11	-
Boots	390	34½	47	53½	1½	8	14½
(*421½)	420	9	27½	36	6½	19	27½
Br Airways	287	19	32½	37½	2½	11	16½
(*306)	316	3	16½	22½	16½	24½	31½
BP	280	15	25	28½	2	9½	15½
(*292½)	300	2½	13	19	11½	19½	24½
Br Steel	90	12	16	20½	1	4	6
(*101)	100	4	10	14	3½	8	10½
C & W	750	19	44½	59½	11	28	38
(*767½)	800	2	20½	34	50½	59	67½
CU	580	39	48½	-	2	14	-
(*615½)	629	5	21½	-	19½	30	-
ICI	633	19	36	52½	7	29	36
(*645)	667	6½	25	41	21	44	50
Kingfishr	584	10½	28	-	9½	24½	-
(*583)	632	1	10½	-	51½	56½	-
Land Sec	550	58	68½	75	1	4½	10
(*603)	600	13½	33½	41½	7	18	23½
M & S	330	10½	22½	29	4	12½	17½
(*337)	360	1½	9	16	26½	30	34
Nat West	460	42	48½	60	1	5	14
(*502)	500	9½	23½	35½	9	25	30½
Sainsbury	420	13½	30	39	5	16	23
(*427)	460	1½	12	22	35	40½	45½
Shell	600	17½	30½	42½	4	18½	26½
(*612)	650	1	8½	20	40	51½	56½
Smkl Bch	420	11½	28	39½	9	24	31
(*421½)	460	1½	13½	23½	41	50	55
Storehse	180	13	20½	25	1½	6	10½
(*189)	200	2	9	14½	15	16	21
Trafalgar	101	4	9	-	4	7½	-
(*101)	110	1½	6½	10½	11	14	17½
Unilever	950	19	52	70	11½	30½	42½
(*955)	1000	3	27	43	49	61½	71
Zeneca	600	30	46½	58½	2½	21½	29½
(*626½)	650	3	20½	34	28	50	57

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	16	29	39	5	15½	22
(*404½)	420	2	15½	26½	25	32½	44
Ladbroke	180	7½	17½	22½	3½	13½	17
(*184)	200	1½	8	14	17½	26	30
Utd Bisc	360	16	32	43	5	15½	27½
(*369)	390	3	18½	29	23	33	44

July 15, 1993 Tot: 25524 Call: 14655 Put: 13869 FT-SE Call: 1904 Put: 3211
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	36	59	64½	5½	16½	24
(*725½)	750	8	31½	38	29	40½	48
Thames W.	460	32½	45½	48½	2	11½	14½
(*487)	500	7	21	26	18	30½	33½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	400	30½	39	50	5	14	18½
(*427)	425	12	25	35	16½	26	30½
BTR	360	11	20	27	6	16	18½
(*364)	390	2	8	13½	28½	35	37
Br Aero	420	21	46½	61	19½	40½	49
(*421½)	460	7½	30½	44	46½	65	73
Br Telcm	390	25½	30½	33	3½	13½	20
(*409½)	420	6½	15½	20	15	30	36
Cadbury	420	26½	39	46	4	14½	17
(*441)	460	5	18½	28	24	35½	39
Guinness	420	41	53½	64	2	9½	16½
(*455)	460	13	29	41	15	27	33½
GEC	300	24	32	36½	2½	6	9½
(*320)	330	4	14	20	13	18½	23
Hanson	220	19½	24	27½	1½	5½	9½
(*236½)	240	6	12½	16½	8	14½	18½
LASMO	140	8½	16	21	6	12	15½
(*140½)	160	2	8	12	20	25½	28
Lucas	140	11	18½	23	3½	11	13½
(*148)	160	3	8	14	15½	23	25½
Pilkingtn	130	7½	12½	14	4	9	13½
(*132)	140	3	8	10	11	15	19½
Prudential	330	17	27	34	4½	12½	16½
(*342)	360	3½	12½	19	22	29½	33
Redland	460	22½	39½	48	9	29	34½
(*470)	500	5	23	31	35	52½	57½
Royal Ins	317	13	25	32½	7½	16½	21
(*319)	340	3	12	19½	28½	34	37½
Tesco	200	6	14	19	8½	14	18½
(*198)	220	1½	7	11½	25	30	32
Vodafone	430	28	45½	53	5	15½	22½
(*442)	460	6½	24	33	25½	35½	42½
Williams	300	26	32½	39	2½	11	14½
(*321½)	330	6½	16	24	14½	27½	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*2833)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jul	137	87	35	1½	1½	1½
Aug	149	105	68	39	22	11
Sep	160	121	87	59	38	24
Oct	177	139	106	77	55	39
Dec	206	-	140	-	91	-
Puts						
Jul	1½	1½	2	21	70	120
Aug	11	19	30	53	87	128
Sep	21	32	44	69	97	134
Oct	32	44	61	92	110	144
Dec	52	-	85	-	134	-

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	24	36	44	9	16	23
(*403½)	430	8	21½	29½	26	32	38½
Amstrad	30	3½	5	6	2½	3½	4
(*31)	35	1½	3	4	5½	6½	7
Barclays	460	36	50½	60	9	16½	22½
(*488½)	500	13	28½	38½	29	36½	43
Blue Circ	240	16	23	29	10½	18	21½
(*244)	260	7	14½	20½	22½	30	33
Br Gas	280	18½	22	27	6	12½	16½
(*289)	300	7½	11½	17½	15½	24½	27½
Dixons	180	17	24½	29	7	12	15½
(*193½)	200	7½	15½	19½	18	22½	26
Forte	220	13½	21	27	12	19	23
(*220)	240	5½	12½	18½	25½	31½	34½
Hillsdwn	140	11½	16½	20½	7	13½	15
(*142)	160	4	8½	12	21	26	28
Lonrho	120	14	20	23	5½	9	13
(*130)	130	9½	15	18½	10½	14	18
Sears	90	8½	11	13	2½	4½	5½
(*95)	100	3	5½	7½	7½	9	11
Thrn Emi	900	29	51½	61½	36½	48	58
(*911½)	950	10½	30½	41½	73½	82	90
Tomkns	200	23	28½	32½	4	7	11
(*220)	220	9	17	22	12½	16½	20½
TSB	180	21	27½	30½	3½	6½	11
(*198)	200	8½	15½	19	12	15½	20½
Wellcome	650	37	57½	71½	29½	44	57½
(*650)	700	16½	35½	50½	60½	78	88½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	32½	46½	59½	24	44	53
(*554)	600	12½	27	39½	56½	76½	84½
HSBC	650	35½	58	75½	27	42	59
(*656)	700	13½	35½	53½	58½	70½	87½
Reuter	1350	74	116	41½	34	62½	94
(*1396½)	1400	46½	89	13½	58½	88½	16½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	9½	14½	17	9	15	16½
(*139)	160	2½	7	9½	23½	28	29½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	12	21½	24	2½	8½	13½
(*168½)	180	2½	11½	14	13	19½	25

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	31	35½	42½	5½	14	20½
(*487)	500	3	16	22½	31	36½	42

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	38½	38½	42½	5	10½	14½
(*349½)	360	11	21	26	18	23½	27½
Scot Pwr	310	11	18	-	12	16½	-
(*313½)	330	3½	9½	13	27	29½	33

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa surged ahead again following indications that the trade, starved of cocoa because of the Ivorian mid-crop ban, are at last turning buyers. There have also been reports of poor pod setting in West Africa, which could indicate that the deficit in 1993/4 will be a lot larger than many have anticipated. However a clear indication of the crops size will not be available until late August.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Jul	767-766	Sep	822 SLR
Sep	776-775	Dec	836-834
Dec	784-783	Mar	852-851
Mar	797-796	May	864-862
May	806 SLR		
Jul	814-810		Volume: 13625

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	975 SLR	Mar	996-993
Sep	994-995	May	998 SLR
Nov	999-997	Jul	998 SLR
Jan	997-995		Volume: 2265

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	..
May	unq	May	..
Aug	..	Aug	..
Oct	..		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	265.5-64.0
Spot: unq		May	269.0-66.5
Aug	262.0-61.0	Aug	273.5-69.0
Oct	261.5-61.0	Oct	265.5-59.0
Dec	262.5-61.0		Volume: 514

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	81.38	97.22	135.84
(+/-)	-0.99	-6.12	-5.34
Eng/Wales:	81.38	97.14	135.49
(+/-)	-0.87	-5.33	-4.37
(%)	-1.2	+2.7	+9.6
Scotland:	n/a	100.58	142.61
(+/-)	n/a	-0.36	-5.56
(%)	n/a	n/a	n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	109.5	109.5	Oct	unq	unq
Aug	unq	unq			Volume: 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.90
Nov	107.60
Jan	110.00
Mar	112.15
May	114.30
	Volume: 163

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.00
Nov	105.25
Jan	107.75
Mar	109.90
May	111.15
	Volume: 111

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	176.00
Oct	176.00
Dec	177.00
Feb	177.50
Apr	178.50
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.0
Apr	94.0	92.5
May	unq	102.5
		Volume: 34

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Aug 59.00-59.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The UN/Iraq talks were suspended until next week, thus the market was left in suspense.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.40	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.40	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.65	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	17.60	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.85	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	196 (-1)	198 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	157 (-2)	158 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	159 (-3)	160 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	161 (-2)	162 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	163 (-4)	165 (-4)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	156.75-57.00	Nov	163.25-63.50
Sep	158.25-58.50	Dec	unq
Oct	161.00-61.25	Jan	167.50-67.75
			Vol: 14743

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	16.46-16.47	Nov	16.97 BID
Sep	16.60-16.61	Dec	17.10-17.18
Oct	16.79-16.80		Vol: 44013

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	182.00-83.25	Nov	unq
Sep	177.00-80.00	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 92

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1325	1315	1313
Aug 93	1320	1295	1288
Sep 93	1325	1310	1312
Oct 93	1390	1370	1370

Vol: 215 lots. Open intrst: 3595 Index 1363 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1921.0-1922.0	1929.0-1930.0	180406
Lead ($/tonne)	392.50-393.50	406.00-407.00	64125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	929.00-929.50	945.50-946.00	288025
Tin ($/tonne)	5005.0-5007.0	5055.0-5058.0	8755
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1199.0-1199.5	1222.0-1222.5	924725
Nickel ($/tonne)	5105.0-5110.0	5162.0-5163.0	61422

هكذا من الأصل

Small companies need help to swim before they float

Martin Waller believes the shortage of proper sources of funding is forcing private firms to come to the stock market before they are ready

This has undeniably been the summer of the smaller company float. After years in the doldrums, as the institutions fled into quality, blue-chip stocks, the smaller companies sector is hot again. The Stock Exchange's own statistics show that during the second quarter 46 companies were listed for the first time, although not all were market debutantes in the strict sense. So far this year, 64 firms have come to the market.

A steady flow of new issues is a healthy sign, indicating that the City is functioning as it should, introducing traditional sources of funds to entrepreneurial managements that need them to grow. Experienced watchers, however, feel something is wrong. Some issues are clearly being forced, like exotic blooms that have only a limited life outside the greenhouse; in other cases unscrupulous vendors are seizing the opportunity in a favourable climate to bring wholly unsuitable businesses to the market.

Neil Austin, head of new issues for KPMG, expresses a widely-held view: "There is a lot of opportunism. There are certainly any number of companies which Aunt Agatha should not put her money into but that are more appropriate for the sophisticated investor."

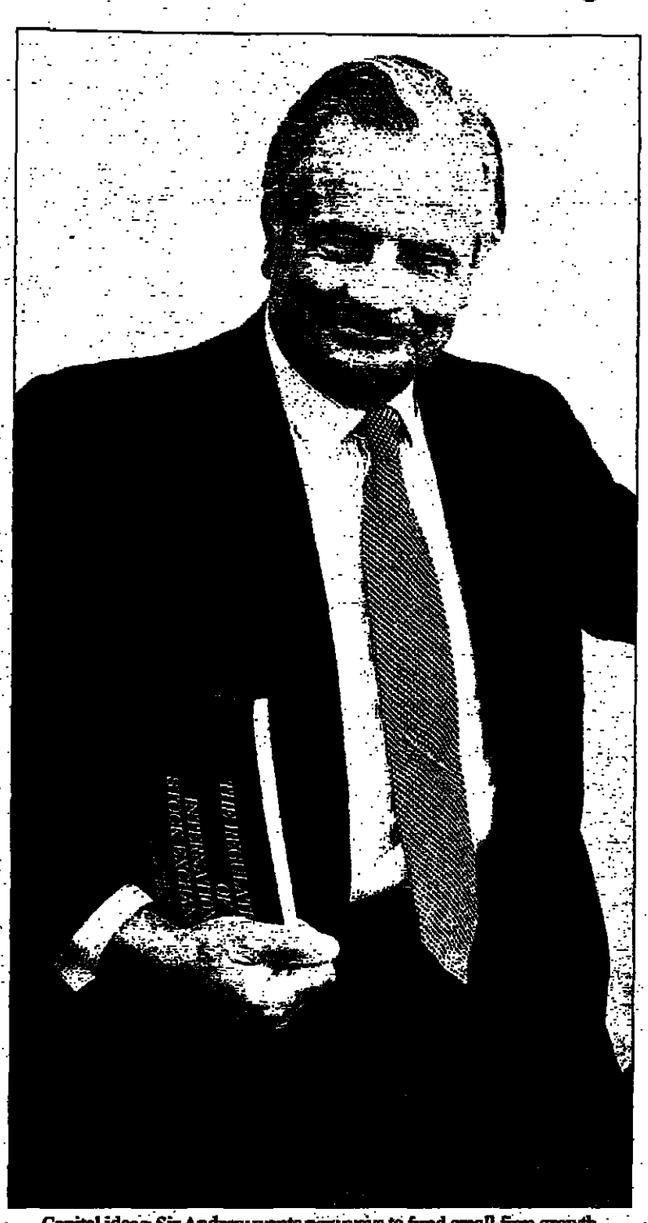
He points to some of the high-technology stocks that have come with excellent long-term prospects but little trading record: "Whilst I understand the desire of the exchange to get those companies to list here rather than on Nasdaq (the US smaller companies market), for example, the culture in this country is rather different."

It is the job of the sponsors of the issues, the bankers and brokers, to weed out the unsuitable candidates and deter over-eager managements from going public too soon. But adopting too principled a stance could threaten fee income, sending potential clients into the arms of rivals.

Examination of a few recent debutantes can only confirm this suspicion. Naming individuals would be unfair, but a pattern exists. If the company is the creation of a comparatively recent demerger, trading records can at best be spotty, relying just a couple of years of pro forma figures that are often little more than a testimony to the accountants' black arts.

Non-executive directors, nominally there to control excesses, are apparently chosen with a pin a few weeks before the float. Finance directors, pretty rare in the boardrooms of true private companies, have to be inserted at a late stage, sometimes starting on little more than nodding acquaintance with a business that has been run as the private reserve of the founding family.

The requirements for a full listing in London are extraordinarily lax. A three-year trading record will do, with 25 per cent of the equity to be traded and a minimum market capitalisation of £700,000, which means traded equity totalling a pitiful £175,000. Under these criteria it is no surprise that such a number of small businessmen head for the market.



Capital ideas: Sir Andrew wants new ways to fund small-firm growth

The problem lies with the shortage of alternative sources of funds. The banks are understandably nervous of giving too much rope to the corporate sector in a recession that will claim further victims before it ends. Their rates, any small businessman will claim, therefore range from the extravagant to the downright usurious.

The companies have been restrained from organic growth by that same recession. The venture capital outfits are shy of investing more than a couple of million in any one company. A business that has spotted opportunities for expansion costing perhaps £10 million must find a consortium of venture capitalists, logistically only a little less arduous, and probably more expensive, than a full flotation by means of a placing with interested institutions.

No surprise, therefore, that Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the stock exchange, chose this year's Mansion House speech to address the problem of funding for small and medium companies. Along with an improved availability of equity finance, particularly to emerging companies, he said, there should be more readily available fixed-rate loans.

The stock exchange has set up a working party to consider, among other ideas, whether an alternative second tier market, with less onerous regulatory demands, should be set up to complement the official list. The party, chaired by Ian Macpherson, a member of the exchange's board with particular responsibility for small and medium companies, should report by the end of the year. A second tier would not carry an unconditional seal of approval but would effectively be labelled "handle with care; not for widows and orphans". To this market, City institutions would direct those funds that could rightly be applied to higher risk, higher reward ventures.

We have been here before. The doomed Unlisted Securities Market was created in the mid-1980s as a kindergarten for virtual green-field ventures in need of expansion capital. The distinction between it and the main market was clear and the requirements for a USM listing far less onerous.

But EC directives, as Sir Andrew conceded, have made entry to the official list available on essentially the same terms as those of the USM, eroding the barrier between the two. "The exchange's decision to close, in several years' time, the USM should not be seen as a decision to close the capital market to the smaller company," he made clear. Mr Macpherson adds: "If the USM has become so close in its terms and conditions to the main list, is there a case for a different marketplace which may have a health warning attached to it?"

Sir Andrew has accepted, however, that even the creation of a USM Mark 2, where sophisticated institutional investors may safely graze while Aunt Agatha is politely excluded, still offers no general panacea. More than 80 per cent of existing equity investments, and an even higher proportion of new money, is in the hands of institutions managing insurance company funds, pension funds and various collective investment schemes. "The size of the funds they manage dictates a unit of investment which is unrealistic in small companies without incurring significant problems of management dealing and risk," he says.

Meanwhile, the stock exchange's agreed stay of execution for the USM, for another 12 months, to end-1994, hardly increases the attraction of that market to potential debutantes. They *will inevitably have to move on to the* full list in due course, and those that qualify might as well do so now.

Mr Macpherson feels that one option, for companies that fall between the two stools of a full listing and the support of their friendly local bank manager, is for those self-same banks to take an equity stake in return for fresh funds, still unusual in Britain but common in Germany, for example.

Set aside, for an instant, the enormous differences of corporate culture in the two countries. It is hard to imagine how the banks, who have taken stick on the one hand for failing to support small businessmen and on the other by losing hundreds of millions in well-publicised company collapses, could be persuaded to raise their exposure to the corporate sector, even for the comfort of an equity stake.

The Institute of Directors is conducting a study on funding for smaller firms and will report soon. Peter Morgan, director general, would also like to see the banks taking equity, but says this is not the entire answer. "What has emerged is that the dependency of business on bank lending and overdrafts must be reduced and new sources must be found," he says. "Bank lending has its place, but it is not enough."

TEMPUS

Gust of change

GREAT Universal Stores felt not so much a wind of change as more of a gust yesterday. But the commendable decision to draft in four non-executive directors, including a member of the Cadbury committee, raises one very important issue of governance. How disinterested should non-executives be?

Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, the present chairman of Next, is a former director of GUS, and the son of Charles Wolfson, who in turn was the brother of Sir Isaac Wolfson, the founder, which makes him a cousin of the present chairman, the only son of Sir Isaac. Some shareholders may be unimpressed by the idea of having a relative of the chairman in a key policing role.

As for what GUS will do with its new found freedom to issue shares, the market could only speculate. It is understood no takeovers are on the stocks at present. But with a balance sheet showing £324 million in gilts and £637 million in cash who needs to issue shares?

The cash, admittedly, supports GUS's immense financial operations. Sir Isaac discovered decades ago that he could make more money from hire purchase than retailing but the world has waited until yesterday to see precisely how much. GUS revealed that hire purchase profits rose from £41.2 million to £52.1 million, so income from investments must have risen from £96.2 million to £98.5 million, contributing to the 46th successive profits rise.

A buoyant statement of trading so far this year, combined with some breathtakingly conservative accounting, makes a 47th rise inevitable.

TT Group

TT Group's expansionist strategy of acquisition-led growth, funded by paper if necessary, sounds more appropriate to the 1980s bull market than today's more pedestrian environment. For all that, it has served the group well so far.

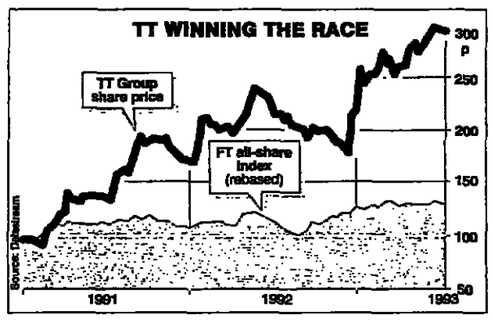
The Hanson alumnus John Newman, TT's chief executive, has proved as proficient at targeting well-established but under-performing companies and turning them round as his former masters. The acquisition of Crystalate in 1990 has driven TT's growth in recent years, and the company hopes that the agreed takeover of AB Electronics in January will carry the momentum forward.

A substantial proportion of the £51 million of rights issue proceeds is earmarked for investment opportunities, including acquisitions, within AB's markets. Integrating and turning AB round is indisputably TT's biggest test so far. Prior to being taken over, the company made a pre-tax loss of £11.2 million on turnover similar to that of TT itself at £171 million.

The early signs are encouraging. AB has traded profitably since March, thanks to some rigorous cost-cutting forecast to produce £5 million of savings a year.

Exploiting AB's full potential will provide TT with significant financial rewards. Although the group is generating cash, it is not enough both to invest sufficiently in the business and to meet its commitment to reduce gearing. The rights issue will achieve both objectives.

Given TT's progress so far, shareholders should feel comfortable sticking with the shares and taking up their rights.



BZW

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd has clearly learnt its lesson. Dealing costs for Rank shareholders who want the money and not the shares under the company's disguised rights issue, or enhanced dividend alternative, have been trimmed to just 1 per cent. When BAT Industries tried a similar exercise, BZW — for it was the same — offered 5 per cent off the value of the scrip to take it off shareholders' hands, and was profitably undercut by Swiss Bank Corporation who agreed to do the same for 2 per cent.

The scheme has obvious advantages for a company such as Rank, which has seen its debts soar to more than £1 billion both because of exchange-rate movements and a commendable refusal to cut investment in the recession. A saving of £124 million for the year compares with first-half attributable profits of just £43.4 million, while last year's dividend payment was nowhere near covered under the new accounting conventions. Although Rank has ruled out a repeat performance next year, probably because it expects the tax man will do so anyway, others will certainly follow suit this year.

M&S

MARKS and Spencer's agm statement is good news for shareholders. The high street remains an inhospitable place, with retailers' reports on sales performance littered with the words "tentative", "erratic" and "inconsistent". Few have been able to secure significant sales growth, and those that have done so have usually had to discount heavily to achieve it.

The picture coming out of M&S is quite different — steady year-on-year sales growth and all of it at full price. But full price does not necessarily mean a high price. M&S's "outstanding value" campaign, which offers permanently low prices, is directed firmly at the value-conscious and notoriously cautious 1990s consumer.

The group realises lower prices mean higher sales, leading, if managed properly, to lower costs and thus enabling still lower prices. This is a powerful formula for obtaining superior profit performance.

Franc doux

THE ERM ritual was duly played out. The Bundesbank failed to cut rates so its partner had to raise them — only it was the Danes responding rather than the French, who are in the Lamont position, where a rate increase would be as incredible externally as it would be politically impossible internally.

So long as the French and German economies stay out of kilter, there are likely to be bouts of franc weakness until either the parity goes or the Bundesbank does what the French need it to do. As the hedge funds' absence shows, it still takes a brave speculator to be certain which. Logic suggests realignment but the Bank of France has drawn up defences for trench warfare in a way the British, who believed their own propaganda, never thought necessary.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Lords of the flies

SELLING the family silver is one thing; losing one's ancestral home quite another. But a swathe of Britain's landed gentry is being subjected to a fresh indignity. Devastated by losses at Lloyd's, many have now resorted to selling their feudal titles and manorial lordships. More than 70 feudal titles have just come on to the market, according to Robert Smith of the Manorial Society of Great Britain. But even the title trade is not immune from the recession. "Some titles are still commanding high prices, but the majority of lordships of the manor now sell for about 30 per cent less than they did four years ago," says Smith. This, however, has not deterred a viscount, several earls and a growing number of marquesses. "One or two of them have been so derogated into the ranks of the middle class that they even behave like them," he says, refusing to name the downwardly mobile. But those stricken Lloyd's names anxious to dispose of their titles need not look too far. "The big auction houses all seem to have obtained lists of Lloyd's names. I know several who have had letters out of the blue offering free valuations and very special terms," Smith says. Most manorial lordships are now going for between £5,000 and £8,000. A feudal Irish baronetcy can raise £25,000, while its English and Scottish counterparts can expect between £40,000 and £55,000. But have faith: lots of rich Americans are looking for new things with which to impress their friends. One has paid a six-figure sum for the Lordship of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Shared qualities

JUST what is it that the Princess of Wales, Ian Botham, Lady Thatcher and Bruce Pattullo have in common? Apparently financial sector analysts think all four were suitably qualified to become Governor of the Bank of England — at least according to replies to the Society of London Financial Analysts' latest questionnaire. Asked who they would have most preferred to take over from Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the 50-odd respondents could not decide among their four favourites — which may colour the quality of other answers. All they could agree on was that SG Warburg was the "least helpful to analysts", St James's Place had the "most ostentatious offices", and Lloyds Bank is the financial stock most likely to outperform the FT all-share this year. Bottles of champagne went to Simon Samuels, a Prudential fund manager, and Rod Barrett, a Goldman Sachs banking analyst, for being the best informed in their areas. But John Aitken, a UBS financial analyst, won the wooden spoon for what analysts agreed was the "worst recommendation" of the year. While still at NatWest Securities, Aitken told investors to sell Hongkong and Shanghai Banking group. The shares have since risen from £4 to about £6.55. I wonder what the Princess would have tipped?

Poached lads

WITH low interest rates seemingly here to stay, Smith New Court has taken steps to strengthen its business in convertible stocks: it has poached the Extel top-rated convertibles team from James Capel. Huw Leyshon, 31, the highly-respected leader of the team, joins SNC with market-maker Timothy Webb, 26, and analyst Stephen Jones, 22, in the next two-to-four months. The three are to form the nucleus of a team that will grow to as many as nine, says Anthony Abrahams, SNC's managing director of UK market-making. SNC will be making markets in up to 30 UK and Euro-sterling convertibles, with a full sales and research service. But James Capel is not too worried, even though it also lost two equity salesmen — John Brewer and Jim Jackson — to Swiss Bank Corporation. As for the SNC assault, Capel is transferring two traders from corporate bonds to its convertibles team.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



BUSINESS LETTERS

Sunday trade ban must go entirely

From the Assistant Director, Consumers' Association

Sir, Graham Searjeant's interesting analysis of the effects of Sunday shopping (July 14) ignores one thing that bears crucially on all his arguments: Sunday shopping already exists. In Scotland, it is already legal, and in many parts of England and Wales there has been *de facto* deregulation since April 1991. Shoppers have been voting with their feet, shopping on Sundays in their millions. That is why complete deregulation, at least, is nothing as dramatic as a "critical piece of social engineering". It will simply legalise current practice — unlike the Keep Sunday Special Campaign option, for example, which will not only close the larger shops, but will impose new administrative burdens on smaller firms.

Mr Searjeant also belittles our arguments for complete deregulation by reducing them to a single point: that it will save consumers money. It will, and to the order of some £18 a year (as estimated by the London Economics report for the Home Office); but there are more compelling arguments than that. Complete deregulation is the only option that takes account of public opinion, as manifested every Sunday at supermarkets, garden centres, DIY stores and shops generally throughout the nation. It is the only option to stand the test of time, in that all other options simply tinker with the issue, perpetuating the anomalies and unfairness that plague the current law.

Mr Searjeant claims that the impact of Sunday trading rules can be exaggerated. Indeed: currently, Sunday trading rules have no impact at all, save at local authorities' whim. Anything short of complete deregulation will simply replicate the current unholy mess, and leave the law as much in disrepute as ever. MPs must vote for Option One, or their constituents will want to know why.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PRENTICE
(Assistant Director, Consumers' Association),
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.

Plea on Resolution I

From Mr J. E. Upton

Sir, I write to urge fellow members of Lloyd's to cast their postal votes against Resolution I, which proposes that Lloyd's becomes liable for payment of damages if any employees or members of Council are found to be in breach of their proposed "Fiduciary Duties of Care". At present they have no such duties. We, the members, are Lloyd's. So we would have to bear the cost of any damages awarded; unless, of course, we could buy E & O insurance. But who would underwrite it?

Ten years ago, Lloyd's passed a bylaw requiring all underwriting Agents to purchase E & O insurance. Two years ago that bylaw was rescinded, because no Lloyd's syndicate (ie no member of Lloyd's) was prepared to accept the risks at affordable premiums. At what premium would any syndicate be prepared to underwrite Lloyd's E & O policy, with the added fiduciary duties of care?

Anyone voting in favour of Resolution I should enclose a blank cheque with his ballot paper, as his contribution to our (i.e. Lloyd's) E &O premium. The rest of us should then resign from any syndicate underwriting the risk.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES E. UPTON,
Lloyd's, 1 Lime Street, EC3.

BRITISH COAL CORPORATION

Licensing of Closed Collieries

British Coal invites offers for licensing the working of coal and the use of associated facilities at each of the collieries named below. Decisions by British Coal to grant a licence in respect of each such colliery will be made on a colliery by colliery basis and separate offers are invited. Specific proposals for non-mining uses will also be given due consideration.

The collienes for which offers are invited are Taff Merthyr, Treharris, Mid Glamorgan; Shirebrook, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire; Coventry, Keresley, near Coventry, West Midlands; Sharlston, Wakefield, West Yorkshire; and Parkside, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside.

Expressions of interest must be received by July 30, 1993, either in writing to:

**British Coal Corporation,
Licensing of Closed Collieries,
Eastwood Hall, Eastwood,
Nottinghamshire NG16 3EB.
Fax No: 0773 532709**

or by telephone on the following numbers:

Shirebrook Colliery	**0773 532710**
Taff Merthyr Colliery	**0773 532710**
Coventry Colliery	**0773 532711**
Parkside Colliery	**0773 532711**
Sharlston Colliery	**0773 532712**

and subsequently confirmed in writing.

British Coal reserves the right not to consider expressions of interest received after July 30, 1993. Parties who have expressed an interest in making an offer in respect of a particular colliery will be provided with a Preliminary Information Pack containing outline information on the colliery, an application form, a letter of undertaking and the terms of a £10,000 security deposit/bond, together with details of the licensing process and timetable.

Detailed information on the relevant colliery and draft tender documentation will subsequently be provided to any party which satisfies the requirements specified in the Preliminary Information Pack, which include entering into the letter of undertaking and the provision of the security deposit/bond.

The receipt of an offer will not create any obligation or commitment on the part of British Coal to enter into any negotiations or to grant a licence.

Enquiries about the procedures set out in this advertisement should be made in writing to the above address or by telephone on the numbers listed opposite.

British COAL

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	348	Abbey Nat	404	-5	11.5	3.6	15.6
263	170	Allied Irish	256	+1	...	4.4	13.1
178	130	Aus New Z	178	...	...	5.1	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2956¼	-25	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	230 †	+3	...	5.8	17.0
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
159	116½	Bank Scotland	156½	-1½	4.5	3.7	31.2
498	302	Barclays	487	+2	...	3.9	...
4	2	Benchmark	4				
21	15½	Carlisle	18½				
513	395	Cater Allen	486	+4	27.0	6.9	∞
130	85	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2108¼	-84½	...		
2137½	1343½	Citicorp	2023¼	-31½	...		
370	280	Close Bros	350	+3	...	3.4	15.6
£125¼	9275	Commerzbk	£124	+137½	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£282¼	-62½	...	2.1	...
85	43	First Nat Fin	83½	+3			
1555	876	Fuji Bank Y	1546	+17	...	0.3	∞
465	343	Gerrard Nat	424	+2	21.5	6.3	11.3
671¼	490	HSBC	656	...	19.0	3.6	15.7
651	474	HSBC HK	636	-2	19.0	3.7	15.2
356	243	Hambros	342	+1	14.0	5.1	15.6
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	16.6	6.0	∞
155	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	406	-1	16.0	4.9	14.1
599	492	Lloyds	588	-13	18.4	3.9	16.8
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
472	322	Nat Aust Bk	464	-8	...	4.4	16.1
503	398	Nat West	502	+5	17.5	4.4	30.5
397	270	Provident	370	+1	11.4	3.9	16.0
47	34	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
293	207	Ryl Bk Scot	293	+3	8.8	3.8	...
987½	467½	Schroders	950	...	...	1.4	18.9
844	576	Stand Chart	833	+6	20.0	3.0	...
199	145½	TSB	198	+3	6.4	4.1	...
150	78	Union Disc	145				
741	529	Warburg SG	737	-3	...	3.2	18.6
256	185	-do- 6% 'A'	255	-1	...	2.9	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7197¼	-250	...	1.5	...
183	121	Westpac	180	-3	...	4.2	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
640	517	Allied-Lyons	543	+3	...	4.8	14.7
647	441	Bass	465	+1	18.9	5.1	10.1
299	189	Boddington	266	-8	7.3	3.4	15.5
420	362	Bulmer (HP)	419	...	10.1	3.1	∞
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	140	...	4.7	4.4	∞
372	261	Devenish (JA)	363	...	7.8	2.7	20.5
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'♠	90 †	...	...	4.1	26.2
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	51½	+½	...	5.3	7.1
400	338	Fullr Sm 'A'♠	398	...	7.4	2.4	∞
480	383	Grand Met	405	-4	12.3	3.8	13.2
427	354	Greenalls Grp	355	...	11.7	4.1	11.8
563	505	Greene King	540	-1	12.3	2.9	∞
516	440	Guinness	455	+1	...	3.3	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hansn	273 †	...	7.9	3.6	15.2
125	105	Heavitree♠	105	...	3.0	3.7	25.0
95	78	-do- 'A' LV♠	82	...	3.0	4.7	19.5
342	255	Highland Distl	327	-1½	6.0	2.3	21.7
3138	2538	Holl J	3113	-12	41.0	1.6	20.3
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	272	...	7.0	3.2	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	166	...	0.9	0.7	37.3
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	383	...	...	2.9	18.3
855	655	Mansfield	779 †	+2	15.4	2.5	∞
283	231	Marston Thmp	283 †	+6	5.4	2.4	∞
418	328½	Matthew Clark	415	...	...	3.2	∞
300	253	Mrydwn W	285	...	...	2.7	20.6
545	455	Morland	539	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramount♠	8	...	...	2.1	14.2
165	145	Regent Inns	164	...	...	3.4	16.4
950	753	SA Breweries	872	-3	...	3.1	14.5
482½	408	Scot & New	458	-6	...	4.7	13.6
225	181	Taunton Cider	211	-1	6.0	3.6	∞
248	213	Vaux Group	236	...	9.3	5.0	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	284	-1	...	2.1	22.9
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	481	-2	...	4.6	13.0
1180	850	-do- 'B'	998	...	...	2.2	25.0
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	495	+1	11.4	2.9	13.9
515	475	Young 'A'	486	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton♠	21				
123	87	Allen♠	113 †	-3	...	5.5	25.6
99	65	Amec	84	+1	3.0	4.5	15.5
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6				
217	155	Ashtead♠	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	108	Atwoods	115	...	5.0	5.4	16.6
240	180	BPB Ind	216 †	-1	...	4.3	37.2
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	
105	74	Barcon	95	+3	1.2	1.6	17.2
158	94	Barratt Devs	144	...	2.0	1.7	16.0
412	305	Bellway	387	...	...	3.9	22.4
32	15	Bellwinch	36				
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	400	-1	6.0	1.9	∞
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	51	-1	1.0	2.5	56.3
265	189	Blue Circle	244	...	...	5.8	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	277	...	5.9	2.7	15.5
106	78	Breedon PLC	92	...	4.6	6.2	22.2
121	82	Br Dredging	115	+1	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	76	...	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	130	-2	4.8	4.6	27.8
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	
284	205	CRH	269	-1	...	3.4	17.1
43	21	Cakebread Rby	33				
46	23	Costain	39	-1			
138	86½	Countryside	136	...	...	3.8	35.5
70	38	Crest Nicholson	60	+1	0.0	...	
94	28	Cussins	93				
3½	1½	Dunton♠	2½				
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	15	...	0.5	4.2	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	47	-2	0.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group♠	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	46	...	2.0	5.7	21.6
6½	3½	Explaura♠	3½ †	+½			
140	97	Freeman Gp♠	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	39	...	4.3	...	15.7
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	52				
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	120½	...	...	3.4	27.4
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	1.2	3.5	∞
304	186	Heywd Wim	304	+9	12.5	5.1	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	90	-3	2.5	3.5	...
35	27	How Gp	27	...	...	6.9	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19				
278	196	Laing (J)	266	...	9.0	4.2	10.6
83	55	Ln Clydeside♠	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.7
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19½	...	...	...	8.9
330	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
143	93	Marley	138	+½	4.2	3.8	40.5
95	61	Marshalls	85	...	...	6.1	56.6
175	122	Maunders (J)	158	-8	4.9	3.9	14.5
214	96	Mcalpine (A)	204	+11	6.5	4.0	35.3
40	23	McCarthy & S	28	...	0.5	...	
388	272	Meyer Int	352	...	...	3.6	35.3
4	4	Miskin Gp♠	4 #				
129	62	Mowlem (J)	101	-4	4.0	5.0	...
86	51	NSM	78	+2			
53	48	Needler ♠	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	151	+2	...	0.6	20.2
300	197	Persimmon	268	...	8.6	4.0	27.3
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25				
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	115	...	3.4	3.7	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti♠	3½	-½			
780	555	RMC Gp	762	+8	...	3.3	30.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	107	+2	6.0	9.1	13.7
36	20	Ramus♠	22				
519	402	Redland	470	+2	25.0	6.6	27.3
79	64	Roskel	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	255	...	6.4	3.2	19.5
42	23	Syrfild-Rvs♠	41				
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111	...	...	4.5	19.3
177	86½	Sheffield Insl	175	...	...	3.9	42.9
123	82	Sheriff Hldgs♠	123 †	...	...	2.0	18.3
95	66	Shorco♠	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	2½	Starmin	3	+½	0.3	12.5	∞
142	103	Tarmac	129½	-1½	5.5	5.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	157	-4	5.8	4.7	10.0
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	109	+3	1.0	1.1	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	585	-15	33.0	7.1	∞
39	19	Torex Hire♠	37	...	...	1.4	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	216	...	8.0	4.6	38.0
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.9	9.1
28	20	Tudor♠	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	69	-1	2.5	5.1	22.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	44	-1			
29	25	Waterhouse	28				
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol♠	23				
152	90	Westbury	133	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	4½	West Scaffold♠	8½				
12	5	Wiggins	9 #				
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	400	...	8.7	2.7	27.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	162	+4	3.9	3.0	28.1
187	104	Wimpey G	162½	+½	...	4.0	...
47	25	YRM	40	+2	4.0	...	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	603	...	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	210	...	12.0	7.4	∞
92	56	Air London♠	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	174	-1	...	3.9	30.6
118	84	BET Ord	117	...	...	3.5	4.7
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
285	210	Barbour Index	210	-20	8.0	4.9	∞
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	243	-11	...	2.1	20.3
21	11	Broadcastle♠	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	58				
104	86	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	2.9	11.7
178	139½	Capita Group	176	...	...	1.5	27.5
45	31	Casket Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50				
51	26	Christie	41	-7			
320	228	Chubb Sec	308	...	...	1.9	20.6
96	18	Comaca♠	78	...	...	2.4	19.5
30	6½	Corp Services	26½	-½			
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	49	-1			
93	50	Dart	89	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	198	Davis Service	219	+1	...	4.6	16.5
104	85	EW Facts	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	26	...	0.6	...	17.9
246	215	Hays	235	-1	4.6	2.4	23.1
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	212 †	-1	...	3.9	15.5
70	34	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.5
190	127	Hunth Whamp	174	-2	...	2.7	∞
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1862½	...	...	5.7	2.4
637	532	Inchcape	535	-8	...	3.2	18.6
867	669	Johnson Clean	838	...	25.7	3.8	18.3
12	2½	Lep	9				
244	173	Mitie Gp	223	...	2.7	1.5	18.4
1187	893	Manpower	949				
50	40½	Michael Page	50	...	1.8	4.5	21.2
279	192	Pentas♠	193	...	...	6.5	7.2
4½	2	Prime People♠	3				
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	100	...	...	15.0	5.5
423	353	RCO	353	-4	12.8	5.0	11.9
118	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	99				
156	113	Reliance Sec♠	135	...	...	4.2	13.6
238	178	Rentokil	201	-2	2.3	1.4	25.1
282	240	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
399	342	Salvesen (C)	350 †	-1	...	2.8	19.2
35	27	Scot Pickford♠	27	...	...	3.8	∞
343	104	Securiguard	339 †	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appt♠	6				
990	695	Serco Gp	990	...	14.0	1.8	27.4
352	228	Sherwd Cmpt♠	228	-7	...	3.8	∞
130	90	Sketchley	93	-1	...	4.0	21.3
355	310	Warner Howrd	315	-1	6.5	2.6	16.4
45	27	Welpac	33				
26	14	Wills Gp	23	...	...	0.5	31.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	232 †	...	...	2.3	20.1
838	613	Amersham	824	-6	...	2.0	28.5
7	2½	Anglo Utd	2½				
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9787½	+100	...	1.3	...
283	199	BTP	266 †	-1	...	4.4	18.3
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£113½	...	...	4.7	...
178	134	Blagden	149	...	9.5	8.0	16.1
166	93	Brent Chems	101	...	...	9.2	9.2
530	368	Br Bio-Tech	375				
29	12½	Cairil Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	130	...	7.2	7.0	14.9
608	504	Courtaulds	522	-3	...	3.4	13.9
295	228	Croda	289	-4	...	3.4	18.9
149	121	Doeflex	139	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
219	173	Ellis & Everard	209	...	7.0	4.3	∞
33½	15½	Euro Colour	29½	+½	0.8	3.4	18.1
308	259	Halstead (J)	306	+6	...	2.5	15.3
241	194	Hickson	224	+1	...	4.5	20.8
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£107½	+75	...	3.3	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	200	-1	...	2.3	18.7
710	608	ICI	645	+3	...	5.3	...
688	581	Laporte	598	-11	19.5	4.1	16.5
223	181	Leigh	187	-3	7.8	5.4	∞
97½	35	MTM	46	-1	...		
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1737½	+75	...	1.7	24.7
450	370	Paterson Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	228	Plysu	234	...	...	3.7	15.3
243	173	Porvair	242	...	3.6	1.9	25.9
12½	7	Sutcliffe Speak	11½ †				
475	418	Wardle Storeys	422	...	16.0	4.7	17.0
490	395	Wolstenholme R	475	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	355	Yorks Chem	368	...	...	2.6	19.7
306	240	Yule Catto	249	...	5.9	3.0	15.2
637	609	Zeneca	626	+5	...	3.5	37.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	61	Alexon	64	-3	...	6.0	...
87	42	Amber Day	65	-3	3.1	6.0	17.8
326½	257	Argos Plc	305	+1	...	2.9	20.0
25	12	Ashley Group	13	...	...	4.7	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	107	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	293	+1	5.1	2.2	20.0
134	94	Austin Reed	121	...	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	+2	...	5.2	14.4
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	258	-3	...	1.0	30.9
35	22	Blacks Leis	31	...	2.2	9.5	∞
227	133	Body Shop	207	...	...	1.0	26.7
15¼	11½	Brown & Jackson	13	...	...	0.8	6.5
401	318	Brown (N)	378	...	...	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	82½	+1½	...	2.4	...
145	126	Campari	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
360	295	Church	353	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	140	...	4.2	3.8	16.9
248	212	Coats Viyella	234	+6	...	3.9	27.6
112	78	Colourvision♠	109	-1	5.6	6.6	∞
662	374	Courts Furnish	661	...	5.5	1.0	∞
153	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	8.4
120	89	Dairy Farm Intl	114	-1	...	3.0	18.1
78½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	75½	...	1.0	1.7	24.2
281	189	Dixons Grp	194	+2	...	4.1	...
413	320	Dunhill	366	-2	8.1	2.8	14.2
21	12½	ERA Gp	15				
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
136	71	Essex Furn	136	+1	...	2.5	23.0
251	203	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.9
587	499	Fine Art Dev	587	...	12.7	2.7	19.2
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38				
543	498	Forminster	538	+25	12.5	2.9	11.3
107	24	French Conn♠	104	-10			
65	43	Gent SR	57	+1	2.0	4.4	16.7
59	23	Goldsmiths Gp	55 †	-1	0.3	0.7	...
3600	2400	GUS	3438	+100	...	1.6	27.1
1920	1563	-do- 'A'	1875	+110	...	3.0	14.8
40	31	Hampden Grp♠	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Harstone	47	+1	2.8	7.4	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	21½	...	2.0	11.7	10.2
60	29	Heritage♠	55				
64	35	Honeysuckle♠	61	...	...	2.0	8.6
108	63	Jacques Vert	100	+2	3.0	3.8	∞
619	496	Kingfisher	583	+9	...	2.9	19.1
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	+2	4.0	7.3	14.1
640	495	Liberty	630	...	7.2	1.4	74.2
320	248	Lloyds Chem	245	-8	5.5	2.8	9.6
152	120	MFI	128	+3	...	3.7	26.4
365	311	Marks Spencer	337	+5	...	3.0	18.5
507	445	Menzies (John)	496	...	...	2.4	18.8
222	135	Moss Bros	221	...	5.5	3.1	26.0
178½	139½	Next	174½	+7½	2.5	1.8	20.8
40	15	Oliver (G)	37				
270	197	Ordlame Intl	270	...	...	4.6	∞
63	45	Pentos	47	...	1.5	4.0	9.8
313	235	QS Hldgs	235	-70	5.1	2.8	16.7
41½	11	Ramers Group	32	-½			
35	30½	Rhino Grp♠	31				
181	135	Sherwood Gp	144	+9	...	2.3	13.0
118	93	Sears	98	...	...	4.6	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	447	+9	13.4	3.7	15.7
15	4½	Specialeyes♠	12				
219	176	Storehouse	189 †	-2	...	3.3	24.4
194	148	T & S Stores	158	...	5.9	4.7	11.8
133	71	Tie Rack	131	...	1.0	1.0	21.4
220	160	Time Products	212	...	7.5	4.4	18.3
100	63	Usher (Frank)♠	96	...	...	6.5	7.6
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wensum♠	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	114	...	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wld of Leather♠	69	-3			
198	146	Wyevale♠	186	-2	...	2.7	24.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision♠	3½				

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
170½	134	ACT Group	160 †	+1	...	3.9	16.1
240	223	Arala♠	233	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Compt♠	91	...	...	...	46.1
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
138	104	Alba	138	...	...	4.5	16.8
48	19½	Alphameric	41				
38½	22	Amstrad	31	...	0.4	...	
128	69	App Holo♠	69	-1			
28	13	Arlen	28	+1			
69½	35½	Astec	67	...	...	...	1.0
293	250	Beales Hunter	260	...	9.2	4.4	13.7
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	5½				
411	319	BICC	411	+10	19.2	5.9	27.8
575	450	Blick	450	...	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland♠	1400				
339	274	Bowthorpe	329	-1	6.3	2.4	23.5
465½	376	BT	409½	-1	...	4.9	18.9
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	...
160	110	Burnfield	143	...	5.7	5.0	22.6
786	669	Cable Wireless	766	-4	...	2.5	24.3
22½	11½	Chloride	19	+1½			
258	229	CML Micro♠	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
115	74	Compr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	149½	-5	...	1.3	14.9
381	263	Critchley	380	...	...	2.0	∞
119	86	Dale	92	-5	5.1	6.9	8.9
548	414	Delta	528	+1	...	3.3	21.7
340	205	Denmans El♠	337 †	...	...	2.3	14.4
620	419	Domino	427	+1	7.2	2.1	14.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck♠	1005	+15	10.0	1.3	∞
415	358	Electrocomps	415	...	...	2.4	16.7
580	470	El Data Prc	553 †	-17	5.1	1.2	15.3
103	43	Electron House	103	+1	2.6	3.2	∞
30½	10½	Emess	25	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	562	...	8.0	1.8	25.4
147	108	FKI	143	+4	3.0	2.6	∞
426	340	Farnell Elect	422	...	...	1.8	22.3
65	33	Feedback♠	65 †	+1	...	2.9	8.5
18	9½	Ferranti	10½	-½			
211	101	First Tech	211				
270	81	Forward Gp♠	267	+2	...	1.5	24.1
21	16	Forward Tech	20	-1			
343	264	GEC	319½	-½	...	4.0	16.2
182	132	Grasby	167	+3	...	8.2	35.1
11½	7½	Greystone	8	-½			
39	36	Hillcate♠	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM♠	149	-6	...	2.6	10.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	383	+3	8.8	2.9	∞
11	8	Kembrey	16½	...	0.1	1.2	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	300	...	5.8	2.5	∞
216	47	Kewill Sys♠	193	-3			
207	100	Kode	179	...	3.5	3.8	21.2
60	16	Lec-Scan♠	43				
385	122	LBMS♠	385	...	...	0.4	∞
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	142	...	4.5	3.1	15.4
269	164	Logica	245	...	3.6	1.9	28.9
54	44	LPA Ind♠	45 †	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	177	...	4.3	3.1	16.9
683	523	Macro 4	665	...	...	2.4	22.3
630	527	Memvier-Sw♠	575	-3	...	2.0	18.9
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1848	+28	...	...	17.0
227	159	Microgen	159	-1	7.2	5.8	10.7
34½	23½	Microvitec♠	28	+2½			
514	357	Misys	497	-1	6.1	1.5	22.7
407	98	Mitel	407	+64			
138	108	MMT Compt♠	121	...	...	3.6	15.4
36	16	Molynx	33	-1	1.3	4.9	∞
272	202	MTL Instr♠	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	122	Multitone Elect	131	+1	3.0	2.9	16.1
177	116	Murray Enter	177	+1	1.8	1.3	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6075	+62½			
188	138	Neutronics	138	...	2.6	2.4	17.7
85	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	1.2	∞
158	58	Norbain♠	158	+19			
75	20	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
17	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
285	195	Oxford Inst	261	...	4.5	2.2	17.7
83	48	P-E Internt'l	73	...	1.0	1.7	...
81½	29	P & P	68	-2	1.4	2.6	35.7
80	53	Peek	70	...	3.4	6.1	18.3
190	115	Pegasus♠	187	...	...	4.8	42.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1112½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1075	-12½			
254	211	Phonelink♠	245				
473	343	Pilco	473	+3	7.7	2.1	40.1
450	303	-do- 'A' Voting	450	...	7.7	2.2	38.1
96	63	Plasmec♠	71	...	...	6.6	6.0
104	76	Pressac	103	...	2.4	2.9	20.8
135	98	Psion♠	105	+4	...	3.0	27.9
229	160	Racal Elect	216	-1	4.2	2.5	12.8
70	45	Radamec	68	-2	...	2.8	14.8
70	43	Radius♠	59	-1	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time ♠	75	...	...	5.2	∞
35	18	Riva♠	30	-1	...	...	38.0
629	488	Sage Gp	495	-2	9.0	2.3	15.9
342	222	Sanderson Elec	310	...	9.0	3.6	13.2
69	49	Scantronic	69	+1	3.1	5.9	∞
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	270	Sema Gp	364	-3	2.8	1.0	29.5
39	26	Silvermines	29	-1	...	4.7	∞
50	37	Soundtracks♠	47	...	...	6.0	15.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2462½	+84½	...	1.2	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits♠	10				
155	80	Telemetrix	145	+10	0.8	0.7	23.9
923	809	THORN EMI	912	+7	...	4.5	18.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	102	...	2.5	3.1	10.5
103	66	Total Systems♠	67 †	...	3.0	5.6	∞
445	372	Tunstall	438	+3	6.0	1.7	17.5
256	164	Unitech	244	...	5.8	3.0	42.7
11½	6	Verity	7				
35	24	Vistec♠	29½ †	-½	...	1.6	∞
471	387	Vodafone	442	+2	...	2.0	20.0
441	398	Volex	434	+3	17.8	5.3	17.3
28	11	Western Selectn	24				
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	465	...	...	5.4	8.5
506	399	Eastern Elect	487	-3	...	5.1	9.5
356	304	Hydro-Elect	336	...	...	4.3	11.9
501	404	London Elect	490	-3	...	3.1	10.6
559	458	Manweb	537	+2	...	5.0	7.5
515	424½	Midlands Elec	506	-5	...	5.0	9.0
554	440	Northern Elec	523	-7	...	5.3	7.3
544	439	Norweb	516	...	...	5.0	7.8
337	285	Scottish Power	314	...	...	4.5	11.4
536	436	Seeboard	528 †	+2	...	4.7	8.5
571	469	Sth Wales	552	...	...	5.2	9.0
532	426	Sth Western	500	-1	...	5.1	7.7
506	406	Southern Elec	493	+2	...	5.1	8.8
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	522	-7	...	5.0	9.5
372	273	National Powr	349½	+½	...	3.8	10.6
392	273	PowerGen	371½	+½	...	3.5	10.2

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	31.9
106	47	EWD♠	104	-2	...	3.0	16.0

Gains wiped out

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 5. Dealings end today. §Contango day July 19. Settlement day July 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	2½	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
492	413	Caledonia	479 †	...	...	3.9	17.9
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
288	243	Candover	283	-1	10.2	4.5	20.0
110	71	Finsecon♠	108	...	...	0.6	...
303	158	Govett	276	...	...	5.5	6.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	5.4	14.1
6½	3	LIT	3½				
12	11	Lightship	12 #				
215	154	Lon Forfaiting♠	212	...	8.4	5.1	15.0
61	47	Manakin	61				
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½				
50	40	Newmarket	50				
282	246	Rathbone Brs	282	...	6.0	2.7	17.1
27½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.3	13.1
330	253	S & U	277	-3	10.0	4.5	∞
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	...	2.6	4.9	...
975	738	Sotheby's	838	-25	...	4.5	...
142	83	S/P Capital	142	+7	3.0	2.6	58.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2162½	1487½	Amer Express	2106¼	-15½	...		
978	835	Henderson Ad	895	...	...	5.9	20.6
143	92	Invesco	143	...	3.0	2.6	∞
230	164	Jardine Strat	214	+2	...	3.4	10.5
216	154	MAI	215½	...	6.0	3.5	15.7
548	389	MAM	548	+2	15.0	3.4	13.7
829	633	M & G	827	...	...	3.2	22.0
285	115	Smith New Crt	270	+2	...	2.2	3.8
87	55	Trio Hldgs	72 †	...	...	5.2	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	466	-1	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	60½	-1	...	3.4	13.8
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	252	+2	6.5	3.2	14.5
76	55	Albert Fisher	64	...	3.7	7.4	10.5
407	297	Argyll	303	-4	...	4.5	11.2
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	124	+1	8.0	8.1	∞
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	345	-5	6.5	2.4	17.3
85	57	Bensons Crsps♠	73	...	...	4.9	16.4
141	112½	Berisford Intl	120				
455	357	Booker	397	-1	...	6.8	40.8
52	35	Borthwick	48½	...	...	3.1	60.2
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.0
51	38	Bulgen	44	...	1.0	2.9	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	442	+3	...	3.7	16.4
107	78	Carrs Milling	107	...	3.9	4.6	21.4
196	161	Cranswick	161 †	...	...	6.2	12.1
22	8½	Cullens	17½	...	0.5	3.7	∞
384	168	Dalepak	189	-2	6.0	4.1	∞
491	424	Dalgety	448	-3	19.5	5.4	13.0
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	192	...	...	3.6	18.3
134	99	Everest	99	...	...	4.4	13.7
300	269	Farepak♠	300	...	...	2.4	∞
10	3	Farringford	7				
94	64	Finlay (James)	71	...	...	7.3	23.6
125	78	Fyffes	103	...	...	1.5	17.0
483	328	Geest	364	-5	8.1	2.8	16.4
12	7	Global♠	9	...	...	6.9	14.0
45	43	Grand Central	44 †	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	-2	...	4.3	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	142	...	...	7.7	11.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	210	...	...	1.9	19.3
131	106	JLI Group	106 †	...	4.6	5.3	∞
853	680	Kwik Save	681	-3	16.0	2.9	13.0
262	181	Low (Wm)	181	-1	8.4	5.8	8.8
58	41	Matthews (B)	57	...	2.2	4.9	37.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	16	-½	1.1	9.0	31.2
174	131	Morrison (W)	133	-1	...	0.8	17.3
568	443	Nichols (JN)	533	...	13.6	3.2	15.4
290	242	Nthn Foods	253	...	...	4.2	12.6
22	13	Nthmbrn Fn♠	16	...	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	211	...	...	3.6	12.1
250	205	Park Foods	232	...	6.0	3.3	∞
115	79½	Perkins Food	82	-2	...	6.7	8.9
96½	47	PizzaExpress	79	+3	...	0.8	45.4
9	1½	Regina Hlth♠	5½				
584	426	Sainsbury J	427	-4	...	2.9	15.0
68	33	Sentry Farm♠	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
235	105	Sims Food	125	...	7.5	7.8	...
439	357	Tate & Lyle	384	-1	12.0	3.9	12.1
273	197	Tesco	198	-3½	...	4.5	9.2
211	123	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
183	101	Treats♠	161	...	...	2.8	18.3
375	300	Unigate	340	-7	...	5.9	11.2
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	369	-1	...	5.2	19.1
25	20	Usborne	20	...	0.4	2.5	12.3
337	245	Watson & Phil	298	...	13.3	5.6	15.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk H♠	14				
89	77	Cly Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
231	170	Forte	220	...	...	4.3	17.3
220	155	Friendly Hotels	219	+7	5.7	3.3	41.7
8½	5	Harmony Leis♠	7½	-½			
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	107½	-2½	...	6.5	∞
215	154	Ladbroke	184	-4	11.1	7.6	15.7
73	59	Mandarin Ornt	68	...	...	4.6	18.2
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels♠	1½				
55	28	Resort Hotels	44	+1	3.4	9.8	8.6
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	6.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	52	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	105	AAF Inds	114	...	...	9.6	7.0
616	478	AAH	481 †	-3	...	4.5	15.5
175	140	AIM	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
132	88	APV	95	-1	...	7.1	...
233	81	ASW	200	...	...	3.8	...
176	124	Adwest	176	...	7.0	5.0	25.0
28	10	Aerospace Eng	21	-2	1.0	...	12.8
518	434	Airsprung	481	...	9.0	2.3	∞
147	113	Alenda W	144	...	3.8	3.3	39.8
13½	7	Allied Radio	8				
545	445	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	42 †	-1	1.0	3.0	8.6
475	345	Amber Ind	475 †	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp♠	38	...	...	3.4	...
107	88	Anagen	90				
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	...	4.9	...
893	703	Antofagasta	788	...	...	2.5	14.6
50½	37	Armour	46	...	1.4	4.0	13.5
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	486	...	...	4.2	19.4
235	168	Assoc Nursg♠	218	...	...	0.6	∞
687½	544½	Adas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53				
172	147	BBA	166	...	...	5.6	14.1
65	28	BLP Group♠	53	-5			
77	13	BM Gp	70	+1	3.0	...	0.9
770	641	BOC	641	-5	23.2	4.5	14.1
79½	62	BSG	66½	-½	...	6.0	23.1
487	353	BSS Group	429	...	...	5.0	25.7
380	318	BTR	364	+1	...	3.7	20.8
221	166	BWI	166	-2	6.7	5.0	16.0
41½	31	Babcock	35	...	2.1	7.5	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6				
289	241	Baird (Wm)	250	...	8.9	4.5	17.3
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	637½	...	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufort	8	-½			
8	6½	Beckenham♠	7				
34	15	Bedford (W)♠	27				
27½	15½	Benson Group	17	...	0.1	0.7	35.7
707	461	Bespak	525	-3	10.0	2.4	∞
133	75	Bibby (J)	77	...	9.7	...	4.5
312	129	Billam (J)	263	...	5.0	2.4	13.3
41	21½	Bilston Bursen♠	32				
11½	5½	Bimec Ind	5½				
164	126	Birkby	164 †	+2	...	2.9	∞
45	32	Black Arrow	42	...	2.1	6.3	10.0
1½	1	Black & Edgtn♠	1½				
183	136	Black (Peter)	177	...	2.9	2.1	18.2
323	128	Bluebird Toys♠	309	...	...	1.8	19.3
293½	247	Bodycote	279	+1	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	26	...	0.3	1.7	∞
563	416	Boots	432	+5	...	4.0	15.7
61	42	Booth Inds	48	...	0.7	1.8	...
517	435½	Bowater	447	-3	11.5	3.2	17.7
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1385 †	+25			
248	199	Boxmore Ind♠	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
19	12½	Brasway	14½	-½	0.5	5.0	18.7
268	204	Brammer	250	...	13.0	6.5	22.6
22	12	Bridgend Gp	22 †	...	0.4	2.3	...
119	64	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	72.9
73	53	Bridport-Gndry	73	...	4.1	7.0	13.7
42	31	Brierley Inv	41	+1	...	7.7	10.1
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock♠	54				
528	417	Br Polythene	510	-3	...	2.5	18.3
106	54	Br Steel	101½	+1½	...	1.2	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	35.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	2.2	...
266	215	Br Vita	232½	+7½	7.1	3.8	14.3
15	6½	Britton Grp	14½	...	0.1	0.2	...
730	555	Broken Hill	661	-10	...	2.8	31.3
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	104	...	4.4	5.4	∞
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½				
70	44	Brown & Tawse	54				
120	91	Bullough	120	...	6.0	6.3	20.5
26	13	Business Tech♠	15	+1			
28	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	14	Campbell & Arm	14	...	2.0	...	
34	6½	Cannon St	29	+½			
243	205	Cape	238	...	...	5.5	16.1
245	178	Carclo Eng	245	...	8.6	4.4	17.2
2886	2138	Carnaud MB	2463	...	...	2.6	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros♠	71	...	...	4.3	11.3
198	158	Castings	191	+1	4.3	2.8	13.5
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
707	605	Charter Cons	660	...	...	4.3	11.8
295	220	Chemring	285	...	...	3.6	17.2
92	47	Chieftain Gp♠	49	...	5.1	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	184	-1	...	1.0	...
61	34	Clayhithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90				
7	7	Co Designers♠	7 #	...	0.2		
400	320	Cohen (A)	320	...	6.8	2.7	...
223	179	Community H	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.8
246	186½	Concentric	216	...	...	3.2	18.2
209	120	Cook (Wm)	148	...	5.0	3.2	∞
220	182	Cookson	211	+1	...	3.6	27.9
63	38	Copymore♠	63	...	...	2.0	∞
238	144	Crowth Pkr 'A'	145½	...	5.7	4.9	12.4
178	101	Cosalt	101	...	10.7	...	15.0
224	150	Creighton Nts	170	...	...	5.5	∞
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.3
3631½	2993½	Dana	3593¼	+43½	...		
905	314	Danka Bs Sys	900	...	...	0.6	21.4
16	5	Davies (DY)♠	16				
711	609	De La Rue	639	-2	...	3.3	17.0
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
513	391	Diploma	493	...	9.7	2.5	23.7
77	50	Dobson Park	72	...	5.7	...	11.0
109	92	Dyson (J&J)	100	...	5.0	5.7	15.7
75	57	-do- 'A'	75	...	5.0	8.3	10.8
16½	8	EFG♠	13				
421	387	EIS	397	+1	...	3.9	15.7
15½	9½	EIT Gp♠	9½				
28	19	Ebbler	25				
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	1975	+59½	...	2.8	...
99	45	Elliott (B)	99				
474½	394	Eng China Cl	415	+1	...	6.0	22.8
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3237½	+249½	...	0.9	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	91	...	...	3.2	9.2
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	64	-4	3.2	6.3	∞
668	499	Fairey Group	667	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	60	...	...	2.1	14.1
1½	½	Ferrometal	1				
29	23	Ferrum	27	...	2.5	11.6	18.0
51	28	Fife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	147	Fisons	168½	-8½	...	6.5	19.5
49	29	Flextron	43	...	...	11.8	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	∞
76	56	French (Thomas)	72	...	3.6	6.3	30.1
218	166½	Frost Group	200	...	4.0	2.5	8.4
85	71	GEI Int	74 †	...	...	8.3	...
489	434	GKN	456	+1	...	5.6	30.4
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	103	Gestetner	111	...	8.2	9.4	4.8
36	23	Gieves	26	...	...	...	18.8
801	544	Glaxo	553	...	17.0	3.8	15.3
28½	16	Glenchewton	27½				
311	245	Glynwed	296	...	11.6	4.9	22.9
95	66	Goode Durrant	88	-1	5.4	7.7	18.6
134	102	Grampian Hd	126	...	5.5	5.5	21.9
432	341	Granada	406	-1	7.7	2.4	21.5
407	301	Great Strn♠	395	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernst)♠	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	8½	Greenacre♠	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
17	8	Guardian Grp♠	11				
57	30½	Haden MacLn	56	...	...	4.6	19.5
95	44	Hadleigh Inds♠	78	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	225	-1	8.6	4.8	18.8
298	215	Halma	251 †	...	...	1.3	25.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	+1	1.6	5.0	∞
265½	222	Hanson	236½	-½	...	6.0	12.0
221	167	Harris (Philip)	211 †	...	6.8	4.1	∞
187	147	Harrison Crsfd	184	-2	9.0	6.1	20.6
68	38	Havelock Euro	68				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	-2			
22	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	363	-1	14.8	5.1	15.6
220	160	Hewitt (J)	211	...	3.0	1.8	16.5
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	
152	112½	Hill & Smith	144	-3	...	4.9	20.0
10½	6½	Hobson♠	10				
129	87	Holders Tech♠	128	...	...	5.9	16.7
49	30	Hopkinsons	43	-½	1.3	3.8	17.8
167	133	Hornby♠	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Crp	7	-½	...	14.3	1.9
82	54½	Howden	76	...	2.2	3.7	∞
233	173	Hunting	224	...	...	5.6	18.9
430	269½	Huntigh Tec♠	410	...	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	273	...	...	4.6	23.3
112	90	ISA Intl	111	...	1.5	1.7	17.3
206	173	Intercare Gp♠	173	...	...	1.9	18.2
255	235	Isotron	243	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
528	360	Jardine Math	484	...	...	2.4	18.7
537	425	Johnson Mattn	496	...	...	2.8	18.8
64	51	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
177	104	Johnston	158	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	22				
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
68½	26	Kalamazoo	67	...	2.1	4.0	∞
178	73	Kalon	156	-1	...	2.6	22.7
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	535	...	27.0	6.4	22.3
168	75	Kleeneze	160	-2	...	...	...

"I haven't paid a bill in three years."

Once you've opened an account you just ring us up, tell us who to pay, how much and when, and we'll do the rest. No charges for cheques, direct debits or standing orders either. Even if you're overdrawn. Better still, you can do your banking by phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And you always speak to a person not a computer.

first direct

Firstdirect is a division of Midland Bank plc. Enquirers must be 18 or over.

Call 0800 222 000

for more information about Firstdirect any time, any day of the week.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
143	61	LGW♠	141	...	3.0	2.7	11.7
317½	266	Laird	314	...	...	4.2	15.5
185	105	Lee (Arthur)	185	...	...	4.0	78.6
153	110	Lilleshall	150	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
153	97	Lincat♠	142	...	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse♠	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	118	...	3.7	4.0	18.2
213	170	Linton Park	203	...	14.0	8.6	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	13	...	0.2	1.9	...
20	15	Locker (T) A	19	...	1.0	6.6	22.6
274	173	Lon Intl	191 †	+3	9.4	6.2	∞
135	70	Lonrho	130	+2½	...	3.9	...
347	269	Low & Bonar	345	...	...	3.3	47.9
343	268	MB-Caradon	279	...	...	3.9	21.6
169½	135	-do- pf	139½	...	7.2	6.5	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	28½				
43	27	MS Ind	41	...	2.5	7.9	∞
52	39	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
190	168	Macfarlane	190	...	...	2.1	21.5
439	379	McKechnie	434	+2	14.7	4.2	21.5
106	85	McLeod Russel	93	+3	6.0	8.1	11.4
10½	3½	Maddox	4	+½	...	...	21.8
86	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	20½	Marling	20½	...	0.3	...	
179	124	Mayborn♠	166	...	...	3.8	13.8
54	29	Mayflower	54	+2	...	2.9	48.1
236	191½	Medeva	222	-2	...	1.3	18.0
113	88	Meggitt	107½	+½	...	4.7	17.1
118	98	Metalrax	110	...	...	4.1	17.8
76	70	Metsec♠	76				
83	29	Midsummer	77	-1	...	1.2	10.7
25	14	Mining & Ald	23	-½	0.5	2.7	...
488	368	Molins	459	-2	...	3.8	11.9
345	282	Morgan Cble	295	+1	...	5.3	15.7
172	134	Morris Ashby♠	170	-2	...	4.1	∞
31	18	Neepsend	22	...	0.7	4.4	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	50	+1	3.1	7.9	11.9
191	122	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.2	∞
167	122½	Norcros	154	+2	...	5.7	22.5
51	35	Novo Group	47	...	1.3	3.5	∞
413	310	Ny-Swift	328	...	...	...	∞
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	30½	...	1.7	7.4	...
140	123	PCT♠	125	...	...	7.3	14.2
48	38	Pacer Systems♠	38	...	...	9.6	...
138	105	Pentland	105	...	...	3.0	14.3
385	310	Photo-Me	374	+1	4.4	1.5	19.1
137	97½	Pilkington	132	...	...	3.8	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	68	...	3.0	5.5	10.7
154	126	Polypipe	135	-1	1.9	1.8	19.5
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	35	-2	1.2	4.5	...
9	5½	Porth Gp♠	7½				
376	306	Powerscreen	339	...	...	2.4	17.6
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group♠	51	...	...	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	90				
185	77	Ramco Oil♠	130	-8	...	1.0	43.5
799	636	Rank Org	747	-20	31.0	5.4	19.6
33	23	Ransomes	26				
657	532	Reckitt Colm	551	...	...	3.7	20.0
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½				
194	131	Relyon	194	...	4.9	3.2	23.3
303	275	Renishaw	275	...	6.5	3.0	21.0
80	55	Renold	80 †	+4	1.0	1.6	∞
1438	1240	Reuters	1384	-10	21.2	1.9	22.9
38	24½	Rexmore	37½	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
83	63	Richardson West	78	...	3.0	4.8	20.0
128	109	Ropner	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	28	Ross Gp	29	-1	0.6	2.8	11.0
171	131½	Rotork	165	...	...	2.8	21.8
168	100	Rubicon	168 †	...	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SEP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
937½	625	SKF 'B'	900	+12½			
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	44½	...	2.2	6.2	17.6
248	208	Scapa	217	...	...	3.2	16.5
228	192	Scholl	212	...	...	3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5				
990	917	Securicor	983	+20	2.6	0.3	37.4
668	562	-do- 'A'	646	+2	2.6	0.5	24.6
565	485	Security Serv	545	...	5.0	1.2	28.9
111	77	Senior Eng	110	+1½	...	3.6	18.4
361	306	Seton Health	320	...	...	2.3	18.9
68	42	Sheldon Jones♠	63				
133	88	Shiloh	127	...	2.9	3.9	13.7
361	295	Sidlaw	321	...	10.0	3.9	14.9
501	427	Siebe	470 †	-1	...	2.6	17.6
330	220	Silentnight	330	+1	...	3.0	18.4
124	102	Sime Darby	110	...	...	3.8	13.5
142	32	Simon Eng	50	+6	3.0	12.5	11.4
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	194	...	7.0	4.5	12.5
47	36	Six Hundred	37	...	2.0	5.9	∞
164	140½	Smith & Neph	143½	...	...	4.0	19.2
513	389	SmithKline	421	-3	8.6	2.6	15.2
450	340	Smithkline Uts	372	-4	...	3.6	13.4
394	320	Smiths Ind	382	-2	11.2	4.3	14.8
140	64	Sdkn Bus	64 †	-1	3.3	6.6	6.1
410	265	Spandex♠	400	...	...	2.0	17.8
650	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	344	...	...	3.4	21.8
145	44	Spring Ram	52	+1	...	0.8	14.2
270	222	Staveley	237	...	...	4.5	13.4
162	126	Sterling Ind	147 †	-2	...	4.8	22.5
26	11	Stonehill	24	-½			
168	97	Suter	148	...	8.8	6.5	17.6
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	331	-2	...	2.7	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½				
78	53	Sykes-Pick	65	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Sytone	272 †	...	9.4	4.3	∞
353	279	TI	333	+1	...	4.0	18.4
22	12	TLS Range♠	16	...	...	2.0	...
300	218	TT Group	286	-7	6.6	3.0	17.0
249	220	Takare	245	+5	1.8	0.9	20.3
823	618	Takeda Chem	810	-7	...	0.6	21.5
30	24	Tex Hldgs	30				
109	70	Tinsley (E)♠	109	...	...	8.0	12.7
235	150	Titan♠	206	+4	...	2.2	17.9
271	212½	Tomkins	220	-1	...	3.7	19.5
110½	87	Trafalgar H	101	...	...	4.0	7.4
110	65½	-do- 'A'	101	...	...	4.0	7.4
570	346	Transfer Tech	529	...	16.0	3.8	13.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	175	+1	7.0	5.1	∞
253	220	UniChem	238	...	5.6	3.0	15.6
335	279½	Unitare	335	...	...	6.4	10.0
71	11½	Unigroup	56				
1249	949	Unilever	986	+2	21.3	2.8	13.0
8112½	6612½	Unilever (NV)	6625	+6½	...	3.3	9.6
868	513	VSEL	835	-5	...	4.3	8.9
9½		Varity	8½	-½			
154	69½	Vickers	148	-1	...	1.5	...
367	243	Victaulic	250	...	...	3.9	12.3
382	280	Vinten	382	...	...	2.3	17.8
604	427	Vosper Thorny	587	+3	...	3.4	14.2
46	41	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.9	12.0
468	366	Wagon Ind	386	...	17.3	5.8	∞
86	71	Walker Greenbk	78	-1	3.1	5.0	19.9
256	201	Wassall	238	...	2.5	1.3	24.0
39½	22	Watford Wdgwd	34				
337½	301	Weir	331	+6	...	2.2	18.7
993	645	Wellcome	650	-4	13.0	2.5	18.0
27½	21	Wellman	21½	...	0.9	5.2	∞
300	260	West Hldhcare	295	...	...	1.6	18.9
510	460	Wharman	505	...	9.5	2.4	17.1
353	267	Whessoe	333	-1	...	3.0	12.9
61	27	Whitecroft	39				
8	4½	Widney	8				
93	44	Wilkes (James)	86	-2	3.5	5.1	25.2
365	295½	Williams Hldg	322	+2	12.5	4.9	16.8
31½	17	Wilshaw	30½	...	0.5	2.1	∞
661	533	Wolseley	609	-2	12.5	2.6	21.1
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	1.0	3.2	∞
59	38	Young (H)	57	...	3.0	6.6	20.9

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993¼	1563½	Alex & Alex	1757½	-36½	...	2.6	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2056½	+6½	...	3.4	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	39 †	...	4.4	...	19.0
148	118	Bradstock	139	+1	5.1	4.6	17.0
498	359½	Britannic	468	...	...	3.0	...
641	586	Com Union	616	-3	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1563	...	...	1.6	25.8
30	18	FAI	30				
628	546	Gen Accident	617	-7	26.7	5.4	...
206	160	GRE	199	-3	7.0	4.4	16.5
370	293	Heath C E	352	...	...	5.7	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	214	-1	8.1	4.8	19.4
218	164	JIB Group	211	+1	7.5	4.4	21.4
503	408½	Legal & Gen	498	-5	...	4.8	30.3
1036	768	Liberty Life	966	-1	...	3.0	16.7
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	439	...	17.3	4.9	15.8
321	253	Lloyd Thomp	317	+2	5.6	2.2	23.3
368	274	Londn & Man	342	...	14.2	5.2	23.2
409	321	Lowndes Lmb	409	...	13.5	4.2	∞
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5723 †	-37½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	88	+2	...	7.1	...
68	50½	PWS	64	...	4.0	7.8	9.3
344	282½	Prudential	342	...	...	4.3	22.7
1138	800	Refuge	1028	...	31.5	3.8	28.5
321	248	Royal	319	-2	...	2.5	...
202	153	Sedgwick	194	...	6.0	3.9	23.4
261	205	Steel Burrill	253	...	...	6.5	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	60	-2	8.2	...	6.0
396	307	Sun Alliance	372	...	14.2	4.8	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	57				
289	239	Transatlantic	286	...	12.0	5.2	26.7
773	499	Utd Friendly	710	+6	14.5	2.6	30.9
234	171	Willis Corroon	217	-1	...	3.8	46.6
20	13½	Windsor	18	+1	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1671	...	45.0	3.4	36.6
260	220½	Amer Trust	246	+4	4.9	2.5	51.0
363	304	Ang & O'seas	360	+1	6.8	2.4	45.7
139½	124	BZW Conv	131½	-1½	7.8	7.4	15.4
167	133½	Bankers	161½	...	3.4	2.7	44.1
296	264	Baring Tribne	284	...	8.4	2.8	44.9
175	131	Berry Starq	174	...	2.2	1.6	56.6
106½	98½	Br Assets	101	+½	...	5.3	24.7
74	57½	Br Empire Sec	73½	...	0.8	1.5	74.6
24	14	-do- Wnts	24				
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	37.6
164	130	Contl Asset	164	...	2.4	1.8	54.6
195	144	Derby Inc	153	...	16.6	13.6	9.2
260	195	-do- Cap	230				
73	62	Drayton Blue	64	...	8.4	16.4	7.1
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	70	...	1.2	2.1	...
120	84	-do- Far East	120	+2	0.6	0.7	...
122	95	-do- Korea	119	...	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	586	...	25.4	5.4	27.0
611	513	-do- Wwde	608	...	9.5	2.0	62.6
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267 †	...	...	4.2	24.6
275	250½	Edinburgh	272	...	8.4	3.9	29.8
261	183	Electra Inv	257 †	-1	6.7	3.3	35.0
170	141	Electric Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	∞
99	85	English Scot	98				
258	205	European Asset	257	...	...	2.9	31.3
106	77	Finsbury 'A'	106	...	3.0	3.5	34.1
290	248	Fleming Amer	270	+1	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	202	+1	...	3.3	39.8
271	212	Do Contl	267	...	2.7	1.3	...
185	147	-do- Eurp	182	...	4.5	3.1	40.9
301	213	-do- F East	292	...	1.1	0.5	...
306	240	-do- Fledg	300½	+½	3.0	1.2	...
118	95½	-do- HI Inc	96	...	...	5.8	16.2
231	136	-do- Japan	230	+1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	259	...	6.7	3.2	55.4
255	212	-do- Ovrs	255	-1	4.0	2.0	60.9
233	208	Foreign & Col	231	...	3.3	1.8	62.9
210	164	-do- Emrgt	192	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	106	+1	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	277	...	1.9	0.9	...
150½	116	-do- Smaller	150	...	1.8	1.5	75.8
233	145	GT Japan	231	+3	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	130	-1			
129½	96½	-do- Inc	110	...	...	10.0	11.0
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	126				
291	184	-do- Oriental	272	...	0.9	0.4	...
260	207	-do- Strategy	252	...	...	3.3	34.8
373	340	Greenfriar	373	...	6.3	2.1	58.0
19	5	Gresham House	19				
53	47	Independent Inv	53½	+1½	0.5	1.2	...
134	124	Inv Cap	130½	...	5.1	4.9	26.2
95	77	I&S UK Smlr	94	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
183	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	176	...	5.0	3.6	34.3
208	176	-do- O'seas	207	...	3.3	2.0	58.8
127	108	-do- Smlr	126	...	4.0	4.0	30.1
607	540	Law Debenture	604	...	18.2	3.8	30.2
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	237½	-½	10.6	5.6	21.8
5793½	3700	Merrill Lynch	5487½	-175	...	1.9	54.9
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	433 †	...	...	4.8	24.0
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	121				
37	25	Do Warrants	35				
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	...
11	4½	Do Wts	9½				
315	282	Murray Income	310	-1	...	4.3	29.5
319	285	-do- Intl	308	-1	11.4	4.8	26.9
324	263	-do- Small	323	...	4.0	1.6	88.6
103	90½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
101	73	-do- S/C Cap	101				
3050	2730	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	145	+1			
273	230	-do- Vent	273	+2	...	4.7	21.5
80	56½	New Prondir	80	+3	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Newthrog Inc	76	...	6.7	11.1	14.3
301	249	O'seas Inv Tst	300	...	2.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	370	...	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	273	+1	...	2.5	48.7
8800	7650	Personal Assets	8150				
152	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	152	+1	1.1	0.9	...
123	108	River & Merc	112	...	9.2	10.5	10.9
398	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
258	214	St Andrew Inv	258	+3	7.5	3.7	34.7
148½	131	Scot American	146	...	4.3	3.8	30.7
209	136	Scot Asian	197	-1			
435	225	do Warrants	415				
73	63½	-do- Eastern	71½	...	1.5	2.7	47.0
205	183	Scottish	202	-1	4.6	2.9	41.9
207	178	-do- Mtge	193	...	4.0	2.6	50.1
87	71	-do- Value	87	+3	...	2.6	62.0
1505	1390	Second Allnce	1480	...	38.5	3.1	39.8
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	-½	3.3	5.0	26.9
137	109½	Selective Asset	137	+1	1.2	1.1	49.3
25½	14	Sphere Inv	25½	...	3.1	15.7	8.0
145	112	TR Far East	140	...	4.5	4.0	30.7
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	139	...	4.7	4.3	29.2
154	110	TR Pacific	142	...	0.3	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	26	...	0.9	4.3	27.3
71	47	TR Tech Inv	70	+2	1.7	3.2	25.3
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	177	-1	3.7	2.6	51.8
315	253	Temple Bar	306	...	13.2	5.4	23.1
91	69	Thrmtn Asian E	87	...	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	70	...	2.3	4.1	28.6
468	363	Throg Dual Cp	468	+5	...	2.7	38.3
208	178	USDC Invest	208	+3	...	...	...
104	76½	Value Inc Tst	101	...	3.6	4.4	25.9
609	542	Whitbread Inv	609	+16	16.5	3.4	36.7
199	181	Witan	193	...	5.6	3.6	33.8

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
351	269	Airtours	351 †	+9	7.2	2.6	12.4
64	42	Ald Leis	63	...	4.7	...	18.1
357	194	Anglia TV	318	...	...	3.6	14.7
103	63	Baldwin	83	...	3.0	6.0	8.6
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	219	...	10.0	5.7	14.1
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV♠	138	-3	...	3.0	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	8½				
58	48	Bristol Scots	50				
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	-½			
292	110	Campari	113	...	...	33.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	193	+7	5.2	3.4	22.3
818	718	Carlton Comm	748	-8	17.0	2.9	21.9
203	158	Castle Comm♠	176	...	...	8.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1960	...	38.0	2.4	21.3
83	61	Chrysalis	69				
580	490	Compass Gp	505	...	...	3.2	15.1
350	179	Eurocamp	185 †	+2	9.7	6.6	7.6
1180	623	Euro Disney	880	+12	...	1.9	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½				
31	18	Ex-Lands	30				
390	345	Fairline Boats	360	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	320	First Leisure	334	...	6.1	2.3	23.0
515	298	GWR Gp♠	505 †	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	234	...	6.1	3.4	15.5
6	4½	Greenwich Comm	5				
62½	19	HTV Group	54	...	...	...	24.0
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	47	+5	...	5.3	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½				
490	262	LWT CP	444	-1	...	1.4	20.5
475	327	Man Utd	424	...	18.0	5.3	14.6
148	60	Owners Abrd	87	-2	3.5	6.7	5.3
66	33	The Pelican Gp	65	...	...	2.2	∞
159	35	Prism Leisure♠	159	+8	...	2.6	∞
28	16	Quadrant Grp	28	+1			
318	274	Radio Clyde♠	295	...	...	3.6	33.1
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	167	+1	...	3.4	22.2
553	431	Scot TV	523	-1	9.9	2.4	25.7
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
225	168	Stanley Leisure	225	+4	4.3	2.4	∞
10	5½	Sunleigh ♠	9				
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing♠	2½				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	98	...	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World♠	58	...	...	1.7	21.2
481	274	Ulster TV	464	...	10.0	2.7	14.2
101	62	Vardon	99	-1	0.7	0.9	23.4
22	13½	Wembley	15	-1	0.2	1.7	...
36	7½	Whitegate	33				
215	110	Yorkshire TV	195	...	12.0	7.7	5.9
113	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5300	1800	Am Gold	4975	-84½	...	4.2	23.9
1562½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1531½	-6½	...	6.1	∞
2150	1125	Ang Am	2150	...	...	3.3	∞
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res♠	27	+2½			
125	35	Blyvoors	107	-8	...	5.7	5.9
46	18	Bracken	39	...	...	...	2.3
871	233	Buffels	730	-27	...	5.4	18.1
2½	1	Bute	2½				
684	546	CRA	620	-7	...	3.4	∞
43½	11	Cluff Res	39½	-½			
1262½	762½	De Beers	1206½	...	...	6.0	16.3
157	37½	Deelkraal	148	-2	...	4.1	8.1
96	7	Doornfontein	74	-3			
913	388	Driefontein	789	-52	...	4.2	14.5
709	120	Durban	671	-11			
201	47	E Rand Gold	178	-2	...	8.4	5.0
171	62	E Daggs	171	-2	...	...	14.4
270	54	E Rand Prop	243	-7			
532	117	Elandsrand	525	+13	...	2.3	12.5
808	292	FS Cons	785	-6	...	6.5	9.4
50	8	FS Dev	44	-6			
1675	725	GFSA	1550	-63	...	2.6	24.4
177	125	Gencor	173	-4	...	5.7	13.4
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	58½	-1	...	2.3	14.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½				
187	49	Grootvlei	171	-2	...	6.0	10.2
360	78	Harmony	339	+3			
414	87	Hartbs	369	-4	...	5.3	∞
14	8½	Inoco♠	12				
1010	491	Impala Plat	1006	...	...	...	22.7
13½	6	Kenmare Res♠	9				
960	332	Kinross	932	...	...	5.4	10.2
913	319	Kloof	785	-47	...	2.3	13.2
135	25	Leslie	116	-3	...	3.6	11.7
173	13	Loraine	171	-2			
118½	81½	MIM	91	-1½	...	2.5	41.5
1252	820	Minorco	1235	-17	...	3.0	14.6
136½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	128½	-7	...	3.9	∞
2150	610	Orange Free	2012½	-34½	...	6.5	15.4
709	607	RTZ	671	+1	...	3.9	25.2
609½	425	Rand Mines	606½	...	...	9.7	2.7
629	150	Randfontein	617	+9	...	4.8	∞
192	115	Renison	172	-2	...	2.6	16.7
1200	850	Rustnbg	1150	...	...	4.0	18.0
585	191	St Helena	520	-13	...	4.6	10.7
1825	475	Southvaal	1771	+32	...	3.3	30.6
109	18	Stilfontein	101	-2	...	6.2	17.6
201	58	Unisel	187	-1	...	1.8	16.2
5287½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4937½	-112½	...	4.5	8.4
555	154	Welkom	525	-3	...	6.4	15.6
285	26	Western Areas	272	-1	...	2.6	∞
3437½	587½	Western Deep	2112½	-112½	...	3.0	9.7
274	176	Westrn Mining	267				
939	323	Winkelh	923	-9	...	1.1	7.5
84	56	Zambia Copper	63				
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	1.1	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
253	233	Abbey Panels	253				
125	95	Airflow Stream	123	+5	3.0	3.0	11.8
133	82	Appleyard	132	...	5.2	4.9	...
280	201	Bletchley Mtr	285	...	...	4.2	13.5
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	28.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	422	+2	7.0	2.1	...
328	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
9	4½	Caverdale	9				
143	98	Central Mtr♠	140	...	...	3.6	35.6
37	18	Cook (DC)♠	25				
255	136	Cowie (T)	242	...	6.2	3.2	18.4
110	86	Dag Motors	104	...	5.7	6.9	18.8
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
282	155	ERF	282 †	+21	2.0	0.9	...
127	92	European Mtr	127	...	3.5	3.5	∞
329	208	Evans Halshaw	326	...	11.2	4.3	50.2
290	226	FR Group	262	...	...	3.4	12.2
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3431¼	+43½			
3212½	2143½	General Mtr	3162½	+25	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	64	...	2.0	3.9	...
193	85	Henlys	187	...	3.0	2.0	...
873	650	Honda Motor	807	+11	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30				
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	143	...	...	2.9	25.5
305	281	Lex Service	395	...	...	3.4	21.0
156	85	Lookers	143	-11	6.2	5.5	...
152	126	Lucas	148	+½	7.0	5.9	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½				
274½	224½	Pendragon	258	+1	...	3.3	20.8
193	106	Perry Gp	190	...	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	163	...	...	3.5	20.8
153	90	Rolls-Royce	139	-2	...	4.5	...
198	164	T & N	187	+1	...	7.3	30.0
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	190	+1	...	3.7	∞
153	125	Vardy (Reg)	151	+1	4.2	3.5	∞
231	121	Westland	231	+1	4.2	2.3	20.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	140	...	4.0	3.6	14.9
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	∞
608	423	Blenheim Gp	442	-2	...	2.5	16.5
370	275	Bristol	340	...	...	4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9650	...	13.0	1.7	21.7
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9650	...	13.0	1.7	21.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	292	-5	...	1.3	27.9
373	328	EMAP	346	-1	...	2.9	21.3
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1063	...	28.5	3.5	23.7
237	170	Harrington K	214	...	4.5	2.6	17.5
378	233	Haynes Pub	378	...	6.0	2.0	16.3
395	347	Hodder H'line	349	...	5.0	1.6	29.7
140	105	Home Counts	115	...	6.0	6.5	...
13	3	Intl Bus Comm	13	+1	...	...	18.8
9	6½	Int Cn & Data♠	8				
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
551	395	Johnston Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletin	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	88	Mirror Gp	147	-1			
373	287	News Corp	364	-5	...	0.3	24.5
240	169	News Intl	215	...	...	0.8	14.9
483	354	Pearson	444	+2	...	3.4	27.1
675	510	Portsmth Sund	636	-9	...	1.9	17.5
685	618	Reed Intl	657	+4	...	3.2	28.6
148	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.8	26.8
162	90	Sterling Pub♠	156	-5	...	2.4	16.9
401	328	Telegraph	388	...	...	3.5	16.3
825	715	Thomson Corp	805	...	25.4	4.0	∞
377	315	Trinity Intl	373	...	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	34	Unit Group♠	39				
593½	480½	Utd Newspaprs	514 †	-2	...	5.2	15.2

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	17	Aran Energy	27½	-2	...	...	27.0
61	40	Arcon Intl♠	40	-3			
69	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	62	+1			
83	26	Aviva Pet	77	-5			
16	9	Beverley	12½				
183	145	Br Borneo	164	...	7.1	5.4	5.0
320	226	British Gas	289	-1½	14.2	6.1	14.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	292½	-6	10.5	4.5	46.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½				
757	675	Burmah Castl	713	...	...	4.4	16.6
65	32	Cairn Energy	59	+1½	...	...	8.4
268	223	Calor Gp	238	...	...	6.3	19.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	45	-2			
35	27	Copley Res	28	-1			
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	20				
521	397	Enterprise	445	-4	16.0	4.5	54.9
84	43	Exp Co Louis	44				
34½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	22	...	...	2.5	8.4
67	45	Goal Pet	57	-1	1.4	3.1	10.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	38½	-2½			
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	142	-3	...	0.9	13.2
48	18½	Kelt Energy	40	-1			
195	140½	LASMO	140½	-5½	3.3	2.9	28.5
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	13	Mid Scot Res♠	15½	+1	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	42	-½	...	...	66.4
9½	4	New London	4½				
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28				
35	27	Oil Search	32				
15	11½	[illegible]	15	+½			
126	99	Pict Pet	124	-½			
20½	18	Premier	23	-½			
115	50	Presido	115	...	...	5.0	
393	280	Ranger	325	-8	...	4.9	
6380	5150	Royal Dutch Fl	6037½	...	...	5.5	14.1
4500	3000	Schlumberger	4150	-37½	...	1.3	
67	47	Seafield	56	-1			
637½	515	Shell	615	-4½	22.5	4.5	18.2
203	179	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...			
10½	4½	Teredo♠	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
13½	6½	Villiers Grp	12½				
172	141	Woodside	150½	-6½	...	2.4	

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	313	...	7.5	3.2	23.3
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	166	-2	...	4.9	16.3
515	408	Abbott Mead	514	...	9.3	2.3	26.6
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½ #				
40	13	Aegis Gp	29	-1	...	5.9	
212	158	Aspen Comms♠	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Design♠	13				
371	234½	Bemrose	370	...	...	4.0	15.1
33	12	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	128	...	4.0	3.7	19.3
287	257	CIA Gp	279	...	...	1.9	17.6
222	93	Capital Inds	219	...	...	1.8	20.9
63	44	City of Lon♠	63	...	...	6.9	∞
236	169	Cropper (James)	235	...	3.7	1.2	22.5
6	6	Crown Comm♠	6 #				
92	51	Delyn Pckgng	63	-3	1.6	2.5	11.3
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins♠	54	...	...	...	13.9
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	...	...	2.9	19.5
73	41	Fairway Group♠	62	...	...	6.4	18.3
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	...	12.5	5.0	∞
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
124	74	Filofax♠	116	...	...	1.4	14.9
20	14	Fitch	14				
107	69	Gibbon Lyons♠	104	...	...	6.2	∞
295	247	Gold Greenless	299	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	25	-1	0.5	2.5	
88	41	Hunterprint	41	-5			
185	136	Interurope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	248	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	29				
298	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
103	48	NMC Group	102	...	2.0	2.5	∞
130	66	Osborne & Little	129	...	...	4.5	14.2
517	455	Portals	463	+2	...	3.9	15.8
266	167	Quarto	250	...	5.3	2.4	15.2
347	298	St Ives Gp	299	...	5.2	2.2	20.3
185½	142½	Seaclid	162				
474	333	Sappi	459	...	...	9.0	8.9
20	11½	Serif♠	18½				
32½	14	Shandwick	28½				
383	294	Smith David	361	...	9.5	3.3	16.3
298	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	225	...	...	3.5	14.6
98	45	Sonic	58	...	1.5	3.2	∞
246	183	Star-Plus	232	...	8.0	4.3	20.7
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	+½	0.3	1.5	21.6
66	38	VTR♠	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	85	-2	...	1.5	3.2
156	62	Wace	144	...	2.0	...	
230	203	Waddington (J)	228 †	...	...	4.3	17.1
723	540	Wassmough	720	-3	11.5	2.0	28.3
7	4½	Westport♠	6½	-½	...	...	∞
34	12	Whitney Mck♠	28				
87	55	Wood (SW)	75	...	...	2.1	16.1

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	76	+3	3.5	5.8	65.6
63	58	Arcadian	63				
90½	52	Asda	88	+1	...	3.0	9.3
139	88	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.5
2637½	2062½	BCE♠	2350	-25			
602	396	Bilton	579	...	18.9	4.1	20.9
74	23	Bourne End	69	...	1.0	1.8	...
218	150	Bradford	228	+4	5.4	3.1	22.1
23	5	Bredero	5½				
350	166½	Br Land	343	+2	...	2.6	31.3
211	140½	Brixton	210	+8	...	5.0	16.0
72½	42	Burford	69	+2	...	2.1	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl♠	153	...	...	0.9	∞
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
376	196	Chesterfield	376	+3	11.0	3.7	26.9
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21				
40½	10	Clayform	37 †				
50	34	Conrad Rbist GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1145	818	Daejan	1139	-2	22.0	3.0	∞
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½				
98	53	Debenham Twsn	94	...	3.0	4.6	∞
12	4	De Morgan	8				
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	458	...	8.6	2.3	57.1
55	25	Dwyer	53				
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	16				
175	132	Evans Of Leeds	175	+4	4.5	3.3	∞
27½	11	Five Oaks	22½				
60	30	Fletcher King	59 †	...	1.0	2.1	∞
422½	276½	Frogmore	394 †	+10	...	4.8	22.9
200	97	Grainger	195 †	...	5.2	3.4	43.6
199	116½	Gt Portland	183 †	+6	...	6.8	17.5
28½	7½	Greycoat	19½	+½	5.2	...	
146	101	HK Land	138	-1	...	4.7	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	60				
387½	257½	Hammerson	353	+16	10.0	3.5	35.7
663	245	-do- 'A'	322	+15	10.0	3.9	32.6
237	127	Helical Bar	237	+1	...	4.3	...
31	19	Hemingway	30				
132	57	Herring Baker	66	...	3.7	7.1	16.6
153	133	Jermyn	138				
608	435	Land Sec	601	+3	22.8	4.8	18.1
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	93	+1	3.8	5.1	14.8
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½				
452	315½	MEPC	444	+4	...	5.6	19.1
9	5	McInerney A	9				
130	90	McKay Secs	110	...	6.7	...	18.1
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	
49	12	Merivale Mrr	39	...	1.0	...	
5	3	Merlin Intl	5 #				
40	29	Moorfield Est	39				
1200	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	∞
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	21.4
46	30	Olives Prop	38	+3	1.5	4.9	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	3½	-½	0.1	...	1.1
131	88	PSIT	125	+3	3.7	3.8	24.9
244	138	Peel	244	+11	4.0	2.1	∞
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	35	+1			
3	1½	Raglan	2				
20	11	Regalian	15½	+½			
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32½	...	0.6	2.3	24.8
70	39	Savills	58	...	1.0	2.3	∞
82	34	Scot Mtr	70 †	+5	1.5	...	
96	39	Shaftesbury	91				
15½	5	Shield	11				
235	139½	Slough Estates	231	+6	...	4.4	16.2
82	55	Southend Prop	68	+1	4.1	7.7	34.3
28	16	Stanhope Prps♠	23				
177	114	Tops Ests	172	...	2.1	1.5	60.8
116	79	Town Centre	108	...	3.1	3.6	20.2
72	43	Trafford Park	69	...	2.5	4.7	18.6
66	29	UK Land	30				
9½	4	Union Square	5½				
243	180	Warner	221	+5	10.5	5.9	20.2
202	168	Warnford	190	-3	7.5	5.1	13.6
8	2½	Waterglade	5				
67	35	Wates	64	+2	0.7	1.5	...
76	40	Wood John D♠	65	-1			

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic♠	16				
157	86	Headlam	151	+1	...	2.2	33.3
500	330	Lambert	335	-10	13.0	4.9	8.2
100	57	Pittards	57	...	2.0	4.6	16.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
183	89	Stylo	183	+13	...	2.1	68.9
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
506	408	Allied Text	506	+5	12.6	3.1	16.3
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
166	141	Br Mohair	166	+1	8.5	6.4	∞
37	15	Carrwell♠	40				
345	288	Claremont Ga	328	+5	7.2	2.8	20.5
601	522	Courtauld Text	532	-5	13.6	3.2	14.6
53½	24½	Cupid♠	29				
248½	205	Dawson	205	+1	...	5.3	15.7
33	22	Drummond	32	+1			
37½	27	Dunkeld	29	-1			
72	65	Fompel♠	69 †	...	...	8.0	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	18				
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	∞
190	156	Hicking Pntcst	190 †	+4	...	2.6	14.2
59	45	Jerome (S)	54				
365	249	Lamont	343	...	12.0	4.4	22.7
506	333½	Leeds	475	...	...	1.9	22.9
42	15	Lister	34 †	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	85	...	4.9	7.2	9.6
180	89	Magellan	159	-1	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	158	...	2.0	1.6	...
102½	82	Readicut	91½	-½	...	4.7	17.2
53	35	SEET	39	-1			
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	∞
51	37	Stoddard	39 †	...	...	4.8	36.3
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
208½	126	Yorkyde	197	...	...	3.3	12.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	452	+9	...	5.4	16.0
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	668 †	-1	11.5	2.2	13.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	409	...	...	2.6	...
813	707	BAA	728	+1	...	2.7	18.1
313	249	Br Airways	306	+2	...	4.3	16.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	83	+3	1.5	2.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	405	-1			
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	152	...	...	0.8	∞
197	147	IoM Steam	197	+1	...	5.1	10.3
34	24	Jacobs (J)	28	...	0.5	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	82 †	...	...	1.5	16.0
2700	1262½	Manchester Sh	2650	+500	4.5	0.2	14.5
350	280	Mersey Docks	350	+9	7.5	2.7	22.4
216	181	Nad Express	216	...	...	4.1	15.5
284	238	NFC	242½	-1½	6.5	3.4	18.3
302	244	Ocean Group	288	+3	...	6.2	21.9
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	630	+2	...	6.1	33.6
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	...	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	554	+11	...	5.1	21.5
141	117	Seacon♠	141	...	...	4.5	8.9
139	112	Stagecoach	135	...	...	3.5	17.3
43	24	TIP Europe	42	+½	1.4	4.2	10.2
59½	31½	TNT	58½				
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	693	...	11.8	2.1	26.6
382	173	Tiphook	258	-1	19.3	9.0	...
298	227	TDG	241	+1	9.5	4.9	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
583	455	Anglian Water	494	+3	...	5.5	8.7
682	547	Northumbrian	572	+2	...	4.9	6.1
533	431½	North West	479	+1	...	5.6	8.5
533	439	Severn Trent	480	+1	...	5.5	7.1
554	454	Sthrn Water	498	...	...	5.5	7.6
1395	1225	Sth Staffs	1390	+5	47.0	4.2	9.9
559	465	South West	520	...	...	5.7	8.5
503	454	Thames Water	487	-2	...	5.4	9.5
612	506	Welsh Water	562	+9	...	5.4	5.5
649	536	Wessex Water	582	+2	...	4.6	9.1
593	473½	Yorkshire W	497	-2	...	5.3	8.5

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; * Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100¼	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.74
106	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	...	13.37	5.60
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	...	8.37	5.81
109	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.75	5.54
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	...	12.73	5.51
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.63	5.56
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	107	...	11.64	5.57
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.67
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.02	5.76
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½	...	3.11	4.83
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.48	5.89
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.15	6.02
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	118	+	11.86	6.12
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+	12.43	6.25
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.24	6.25
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	+	9.05	6.42
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	+	10.99	6.58
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112 †	+	9.34	6.57
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+	8.13	6.59
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	+	11.57	6.87
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.76	6.77
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	+	7.08	6.64
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	...	6.73	6.66
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	+	10.99	7.19

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	136	+	11.38	7.03
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.90	7.14
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.53	6.98
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.95	7.22
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	9.04	7.06
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.86	7.12
110	105	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.19	7.07
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.01	7.45
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	114	+	8.70	7.38
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	114	+	8.51	7.49
104	97	Treas 8% 2003	104	+	7.67	7.37
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	116	+	8.55	7.55
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	+	9.44	7.65
75	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	+	4.66	6.73
113	105	Conv 9½% 2004	113	+	8.37	7.67
113	105	Conv 9½% 2005	113	+	8.37	7.71
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131	+	9.48	7.90
102	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	102	-	7.84	7.74
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125	+	9.36	7.86
105	97	Treas 8½% 2007	105	...	8.02	7.79
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139	+	9.67	7.92

LONGS (over 15 years)

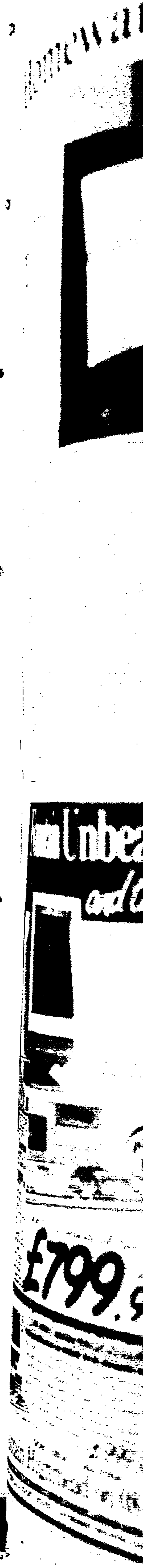
1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
110	101	Treas 9% 2008	110	+	8.16	7.82
101	92	Treas 8% 2009	101	-	7.90	7.86
110	100	Conv 9% 2011	110	-	8.17	7.92
110	100	Treas 9% 2012	110 †	-	8.17	7.94
78	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	-	7.03	7.68
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	97	-	7.93	7.75
100	93	Treas 8% 2013	100	-	7.96	7.96
137	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	137	-	8.72	8.16
107	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	107	-	8.11	8.00

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43	38	War Ln 3½%	43	-	8.09	...
31	27	Treas 2½%	31	-	8.06	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	-	...	0.74
198	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	-	1.73	2.62
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.18	2.84
167	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	-	2.90	3.09
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163	-	2.86	3.19
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111	-	2.94	3.25
171	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	170	-	3.01	3.26
155	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154	-	3.18	3.40
160	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160	-	3.23	3.43
132	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	132 †	-	3.28	3.46
140	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140	-	3.35	3.52
135	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	135	-	3.40	3.56
112	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	112	-	3.41	3.55
113	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	113	-	3.41	3.55



هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

INFOTECH

Homeward bound for profit

Richard Branson's Virgin sees profits in the home computer market, reports David Hewson


DENZIL McNEELANCE

Watch out Mario: the simple games computer will be superseded by a machine running games, small business and domestic software

The familiar smile of Richard Branson has been wheeled out to launch any number of Virgin products over the years, from new air routes to radio stations, books to rock bands.

Next September, the Branson grin will be attached to a product that many believe is one of the entrepreneur's less sound ventures. It is a Virgin, IBM-compatible personal computer (PC) aimed at the industry's most elusive potential customers, home and small business users.

The small office and home market, known as "soho" in the computer trade, is regarded as the PC's last great unconquered bastion.

Manufacturers are lining up home and small-business bundles of hardware and software, which are designed to be the hot Christmas purchase for a high-tech buyer once wooed by camcorders, games consoles, or, five years ago, the home computers offered by companies such as Commodore and Atari.

The kind of package that customers can expect in November will combine a 486 PC, hard disc, games, education, home finance software and, perhaps, even a CD-Rom drive — all for less than £1,000, the "magic" price tag thought to be the limit the market will bear.

Whether these deals will include VAT or not is a moot point, since fierce competition in the PC marketplace means that manufacturers are staying quiet about exact prices. Virgin has yet to fix the final selling price of its own machines, according to John Jenkins, the marketing manager of the Virgin subsidiary responsible for the PC launch.

At the other end of the manufacturing scale, Compaq, one of the biggest suppliers of PCs for business use, is also preparing to compete in the high street, having concluded a deal to sell its machines in 182 Dixons business centres.

According to Sue Forkin, Compaq's product manager responsible for the retail trade, the PC is about to become part of what marketing people call the fast moving consumer goods market, which includes products such as video recorders and hair dryers.

But for those who have watched the technology industry for more than a few years there is a sense of *déjà vu* when the computer business talks about selling serious technology into the home. Similar claims accompanied the introduction of an earlier generation of "home" computers and cheap fax machines, but the excitement soon subsided.

PC companies argue, however, that the new offers will be more convincing and durable. Unlike earlier packages, they say, the machines will be top level business PCs — the sort that people use at work, with the same kind of industry-standard software.

The Christmas computers of years past, such as the Commodore 64, may have been excellent games machines, but they stumbled over word processing and general business tasks. This year's 486 PCs for "soho" will come with a broad bundle of games, education and business software included in the price and will run any other PC software.

Windows software will be standard and the range of packages included should be sufficiently complete that people do not have to go out and buy more expensive software in order to use them properly.

Reaching the consumer marketplace is not without its problems. Retail consumers buy on the back of brand names and what they can find in the shops. The average first-time buyer who recognises brands such as Amstrad, Virgin and Sony is probably no more familiar with a business giant such as Compaq than with a cheap Far Eastern PC clone.

Nor is the retail trade a source of easy profit. Mr Jenkins admits that profit for Virgin will not come so much from selling PCs in the high street but from software and other extras. The PC division is an extension of the Euromagnetics company, owned by Virgin, which turns over more than £10 million a year from such computer extras as floppy discs. Virgin is also increasing turnover in the computer games business.

Both Compaq and Virgin agree on the priorities of this year's new computer buyers. They want the machine to be able to have great games and good educational software. Surprisingly, they also say that people will want a home accounts package for tracking personal finances — an area that has run into trouble when tried before as most people realised that using the back of an envelope with a calculator is quicker, simpler and cheaper.


Branson: entering fresh fields

Compared with what such products would have cost a couple of years ago, the new computers will be a bargain. The question is: will many people really pay £1,000 to have these facilities available at home? Mr Jenkins says: "I have stood in the computer superstores and watched people come in planning to spend £800 and walk out with an extra £400 of software on top. They seem to be prepared to spend this kind of money in the way they would not 12 months ago. People even spend it sight unseen when they buy mail order"

In a sluggish, barely profitable business world, PC manufacturers fervently want to penetrate any new market they can find. Virgin's research claims that in America 60 to 70 per cent of white collar homes have PCs compared with 20 per cent in Britain. "All we need is a few percentage points of the difference," Mr Jenkins says. Whether all this turns out to be wishful thinking or not, the only thing that can be predicted with certainty is that this year's £1,000 computers will be much cheaper by Christmas 1994.

Buildings with blind spots

When architecture meets IT the results do not always go to plan

The intelligent building was the 1980s love-child of the architect and the information technologist.

In principle the idea was a sound one. Information technology had become such an important factor in the running of many large companies that its incorporation into a new building should have been planned from the outset.

It argued that cabling for local, national and international communications should be designed and installed by architects and technologists just as plumbing, electricity and gas was. But some information companies went further and advocated that entire buildings should be controlled by computer including the lighting, heating, personnel access to areas and even the blinds. This was where the child proved to be wayward.

IT companies practised what they preached and built intelligent buildings of their own. Digital Equipment, IBM and others have examples that are used as demonstration centres for their customers.

But soon strange stories began to emerge and, as Tim Harris, an audio visual manager with Rothmans during the 1980s, recalls, it was not always practical.

"We had a 65-seater cinema that later became a conference room where the heating and lighting was controlled by sensors and computers. I remember having to send an assistant into the room before a meeting took place to walk around and to make sure that the room was warm enough."

Some IT companies' "intelligent" buildings have an equally bad track record according to those who have worked in them. Nick Tuson, an IT specialist and now a director of the software house Saros, says that one leading software house installed "intelligent blinds" in the building.

"These went up and down according to the amount of sunlight. The blinds were sampled every seven minutes and on a sunny day the blinds would remain down; if it was overcast they would stay up. Unfortunately if the sun passed behind a small cloud the blinds would go up and stay there for seven minutes."

On intermittently cloudy days, the automatic blinds could play havoc with staff at on computer screens. The problem was solved by "people placing great piles of books on the bottom of blinds until the motors blew out", he says.

> Automatic blinds play havoc with staff working on screen

At another building, certain conference rooms had lighting activated by ceiling based sensors that reacted to movement and heat. "The lights went on automatically when people entered the room but the rooms had no light switches so if someone wanted to run a slide show everyone had to sit still until the lights went out," Mr Tuson says.

Bill Southwood, a director of Arup Communications, which specialises in integrating technology into modern buildings, says that the IT industry overstretched itself.

"There was a vast gap in communications between those people who knew about IT and those people who knew about buildings," he says.

It would be simple to dismiss intelligent buildings as a futuristic vision of the computer mad 1980s which went wrong. But intelligent buildings are still in their infancy. It will probably be another ten years before they come of age.

SEAN HALLAHAN

Fountain Unbeatable Value and that's a promise!

Let there be no mistake about it, our full feature Fountain EL system with it's £799.95 (+VAT) price tag really is the business. Compare if you will the EL's thoroughbred specification with any of it's rivals and you'll see it has none. Compare for example the capacity of the ultra-fast Western Digital Hard Disk Drive, ours is 120Mb. Note the EL's non-interlaced 14" SVGA colour monitor. Then check out the systems' Multi-Level Security, or the award winning, pre-loaded Spinnaker WindowWorks software included with our compliments. Then perhaps, look at our fast call out 12 month on-site parts and labour warranty, (ours is not an expensive extra) included in the price. And then finally for good measure just glance at our delivery and insurance charges and compare them with the competitions' and you'll see what we mean. It all adds up to what we call the Fountain promise and that means unbeatable value across the whole of our range, but isn't that what you expect from Fountain?. The USA's most exciting and fastest growing PC manufacturer.

120Mb HDD £99 extra inc VAT

intel inside

1	INTEL 80486 PROCESSOR
2	120Mb HARD DISK DRIVE (200 USING DOS 6)
3	4MB RAM EXPANDABLE TO 32 MB RAM
4	NON INTERLACED FLICKER FREE 14" COLOUR MONITOR
5	3.5" 1.44Mb FLOPPY DISK DRIVE.
6	FULLY UPGRADEABLE TO DX2/3, DX2 50, DX2 66 OR P5/60
7	8K OF INTERNAL CACHE.
8	2 SERIAL, 1 PARALLEL & 1 GAMES PORT.
9	102 KEY UK ENHANCED KEYBOARD.
10	5 x 16 BIT FREE SLOTS.
11	MICROSOFT COMPATIBLE MOUSE
12	UK PLUG AND LEAD
13	3 SPARE DRIVE BAYS
14	FREE 1ST YEAR ON-SITE MAINTENANCE (PARTS & LABOUR)
15	2ND & 3RD YEAR ON-SITE MAINTENANCE AT HALF PRICE
16	FREE HELPLINE SUPPORT.
17	MS DOS 6.0
18	MS WINDOWS 3.1
19	WORD PROCESSOR
20	SPREADSHEET
21	DATABASE
22	GRAPHICS
23	ADDRESS BOOK
24	LABEL MAKER
25	MASTER DISKS & MANUALS INCLUDED.

STOP PRESS
Fountain 486SX 25 VS VESA Local Bus
£899.95 (+VAT)
Specification as per table alongside but includes ultra-fast 170Mb Western Digital Hard Disk Drive and full VESA Local Bus facilities, with 2 Local Bus slots and advanced Cirrus Logic VESA Graphics Accelerator card, providing amazing graphics in 16.8 million colours.

Fountain 486SX 25 EL System with 120Mb Hard Disk Drive.*
£799.95 (+VAT)

£999.95

DON'T DELAY - CALL TODAY
Fountain Highmead on 081-861 3111
LINES OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 6PM SATURDAY 9AM TO 5PM
DEMONSTRATION CALL & COLLECT FACILITIES • GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION & CORPORATE ORDERS WELCOME
FOUNTAIN highmead
Highmead Office Direct Limited, 19-20 Forward Drive, Christchurch Industrial Estate, Wealdstone, Middlesex HA3 8NT England. Facsimile: 081-861 3306

COMPAQ delivers the quality

£899*

£105.32 inc VAT



P&P delivers the very next day

Whatever your personal computing needs, you have to know that you're making the right choice when you buy a PC. That means knowing all the facts:

- COMPAQ'S reputation for quality is second to none.
- COMPAQ is the U.K. Market Leader.
- Expandable and upgradable to meet your future needs.
- Complete with Windows 3.1 and DOS 6.0.
- 3 year warranty (1st year on-site) on COMPAQ system unit.

Knowing you're getting a quality product isn't enough. You also need the right price and the right supplier. That's where P&P comes in. At £899 (excl VAT and delivery), this offer is the best value for money in the market today and with 12 year's experience in the computer industry, P&P offers a highly developed level of service and support - delivering 99% of cleared orders the very next day.

Need more convincing? Call P&P now. You can be sure of a great deal more.

SPECIFICATIONS

- COMPAQ ProLinea 4/25s
- 486SX 25Mhz Processor
- 4Mb RAM (Expandable to 32Mb)
- 120Mb Hard Disk Drive
- 3.5" 1.44Mb Floppy Drive
- COMPAQ Local Bus Graphics
- COMPAQ Mouse
- COMPAQ Keyboard
- DOS 6.0
- Microsoft Windows 3.1 Pre-loaded
- P&P Selected VGA Monitor *(one year warranty)

£899* Excl VAT & Delivery

Colorful ProLinea 4/25s with VGA Monitor - £899 (£1056.32 inc VAT).
ProLinea with SVGA Monitor £999 (£1174.82 inc VAT).
ProLinea with COMPAQ SVGA Monitor £1099 (£1293 inc VAT).

SUPERB SUPPORT

BS5750 Registered Firm	✓	£220 million plc	✓
12 Years of Expertise	✓	Next Day Delivery	✓
Computers, Peripherals & Software	✓	Rentals and Maintenance	✓

To place your order phone
071 265 4570 or 0706 832832
or fax it to us on
071 265 4604 or 0706 832233

* All offers are made subject to availability * 24 hour delivery(UK excluding VAT) - subject to credit and availability * All prices are subject to change without notice, E&OE etc *

COMPAQ P&P

P&P Direct, Todd Hall Road, Carr Industrial Estate, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 5HU

The best employers offer a choice of perks for highly rated employees. Many staff value training most, **David Guest** writes

Striking lucky with big ben

Job advertisements often add the cryptic inducement "plus bens" to the salary on offer. Bens stands for benefits, and some advertisements are specific about them. Bank bens appear from time to time, and there are rare sightings of insurance industry bens.

But computing and communications professionals have rarely been showered with expensive or innovative perks. The most exotic benefits normally come in the form of discounts on company products: in the case of one West Country brewer, computer staff, like others, found their monthly pay cheques topped up with 24 cans of beer.

Even benefits relatively common elsewhere are restricted among computer workers. Fewer IT employees are provided with company cars than people in other sectors. Figures from The Reward Group, a salary survey research company, show that people below management level working in accounts, administration and personnel all have more chance of getting company cars. An advertisement for a senior analyst-programmer in Warwickshire that offered — on top of £22,000 — a car, 25 days holiday, contributory pension and medical insurance, was the exception rather than the rule.

This has not, however, been a major source of discouragement to information technology professionals. First, the money has generally been more important than the perks and second, one benefit stands out in IT: training.

Jan Meadowcroft, a consultancy manager with Oric, the IT recruitment specialist, says: "Although benefits packages are important, training is probably the most sought-after benefit. If a company can offer training and the opportunity to stay at the forefront of technology, people will take a position on the strength of that."

The ability for successful computing companies to grow quickly can also provide special benefits. At senior levels, stock options and share participation schemes are becoming more common, especially among computer equipment and software suppliers.

Michael Lurie, the managing director of Goodman Graham, the executive recruitment consultancy, says: "This started in California, in Silicon Valley in the early 1980s. It has come into the UK and has become quite a feature in the past three or four years.

"You might find a situation where the European president of a software company builds it from 20 people to several hundred very quickly, and his stock options might be worth up to £500,000. Such people are creating huge shareholder value and they are participating in it."

Mr Lurie points out that the value of this type of benefit tends to be in inverse proportion to the size and stability of the company. The potential is greatest in start-up companies. Hundreds of those employed in the early days of Microsoft have become millionaires through stock options.

STEPHEN MARKESON



In the driving seat: Jan Meadowcroft, of Oric, says training is probably the most sought-after benefit

Another change is the increasing spread of a performance-related component in annual remuneration schemes. Mr Lurie says: "The performance-related element for (non-sales) directors is growing towards 30 per cent of their package. About 50-60 per cent of that might be personal performance, 35 per cent company performance and a small proportion derived from the overall performance of the corporation worldwide." This type of benefit is also becoming more common at lower levels in the hierarchy.

Ms Meadowcroft says: "Profit-related pay schemes are one of the big changes of recent years. When you are on £18,000 to £30,000 at the analyst and programmer level it can make quite a difference — employees get the benefit in the tax they're not paying."

Profit-related schemes tend to be a feature of supplier companies, she adds. "User companies tend to offer bonus schemes that are performance-related and taxable and, in the finance sector, bonuses tend to be higher, anything up to 12 per cent." A third significant change noted by Mr Lurie is the increasing flexibility of benefits packages. "Five years ago, you would find the company car, the private health cover, the holiday entitlement specified to the day, the pension and the life assurance.

"In recent years, you see companies saying, 'Here is an amount, perhaps £10,000, to spend any way you want'. In big companies they are developing a menu of options, so that for each benefit you can pick from option one, two or three — a certain make of car or an allowance in lieu, for example. In some cases, it amounts to 20 options or more."

The benefits to the company are that flexible packages are perceived as great motivators.

The value of the perk of a company car has, however, been reduced by the increase in taxation. The days when employers such as Oracle, the software specialist, gave every employee a car are over. Companies that offer allowances instead of cars spare themselves the overhead of fleet management.

The best way to ensure good benefits is to be good at your job. Certain key skills remain in demand, and there is keen competition between employers.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Business Development Managers

Commercial, Finance & Government Sectors

To £40K + Bonus + Benefits + Car

Altrincham, Bristol, Camberley, Coventry, Stevenage or Leeds

The Company
Admiral Management Services Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Admiral plc, a quoted Public Company providing a full range of IT-related consultancy, from the concept stage through specification and development to implementation and training, for a wide range of customers in a broad spectrum of market sectors.
Admiral has achieved an unparalleled record of success since its formation in 1979. Despite the recession we are continuing to grow. Our recently published 1992 Report and Accounts show record turnover and profits.
Our growth allows us to offer wide ranging career opportunities to our staff. We have a policy of promotion to the highest levels of management from within, based on merit and achievement.

The Opportunity
Opportunities now exist to join the Business Development team of Admiral Management Services to help us continue our path of success.

The Requirement
We are seeking to recruit experienced individuals with IT Consultancy, computer services and business experience gained over a number of years in a wide range of application areas within the Commercial, Finance and Government sectors.

Your role as a Busines Development Manager will be to identify, pursue and win new business from major organisations by building ongoing relationships with management at all levels in those organisations and working closely with the Admiral project teams to ensure high quality of service.

The Rewards
As well as a realistic base salary, the remuneration package includes company bonus scheme, a car and a generous range of other benefits. Equally important, the opportunity will be given to demonstrate your potential and progress rapidly to the most senior management levels.

If you believe that you possess the skills and experience necessary to meet our requirements, then please write enclosing a full CV to:

Margaret Picken
Admiral Management Services Ltd
Kings Court
91-93 High Street
Camberley
Surrey GU15 3RN
(Tel: 0276 686678)

admiral

Software Manager

Leading Edge Digital Switching Systems

Thames Valley **To £30,000 + Car**

Our client is the research and development division of one of the world's foremost suppliers of digital telecommunications equipment and solutions for the public and private market sectors.

Opportunities exist for ambitious software professionals with good man management skills to lead a high calibre team involved with the development of advance switching services. As part of a young enthusiastic group you will be involved in the total project life cycle from design and development of realtime software to post sales support and customer liaison.

The successful candidate will be degree qualified or equivalent with at least 5 years' practical experience of realtime software development on public or private digital switches, the last two of which will have been gained managing a team of highly motivated software engineers. Additionally, experience of call processing, business applications, TUP or DPNSS would be particularly useful.

Our client has an impressive record of employee development. Consequently they are looking for real achievers with the ability to progress: personal commitment, imagination and the ability to thrive in a high pressure results-driven environment are common characteristics in those that succeed. Team work is vital, yet individual initiative and talent is positively encouraged and rewarded.

To apply, please send a detailed CV, including work and home telephone numbers to L.J. Associates, Recruitment Consultants, 12 Celbridge Mews, Porchester Road, London W2 6EU, quoting reference number 07/476.

L.J. ASSOCIATES

Systems & Computing Services Manager

Substantial tax free salary plus many benefits

The Gulf

Our client is responsible for the production, processing, storage and transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from one of the world's largest offshore fields.
The challenge is to provide the computing and telecommunications systems for this – lock, stock and barrel.
This means advising on the strategy, designing the systems, specifying the hardware and software, training the staff, and implementing the entire process.
Although immense in scale and technical challenge, the job will be very much hands on.
Based in one of the most amenable Gulf States you and your family can enjoy a relaxed and virtually crime free lifestyle. The cost of living is low, there is a host of cultural and recreational facilities, women can work and drive and high level English education is available.
The post will be on a family status contract with free furnished accommodation, education and transport allowances, medical care, generous paid leave with air fares provided and a range of other benefits. The negotiable salary will be highly competitive and it will be tax free.
The opportunities for job satisfaction, career accomplishment and the accumulation of wealth are self evident.
If you have previous experience in a similar role in the oil and gas or another process industry and you feel that you could handle this challenge, then please send two copies of your resume to Alan Kerby at Moxon Dolphin Kerby, 178-202 Great Portland Street, London, W1N 6JJ, quoting reference 3529.

MOXON·DOLPHIN·KERBY
INTERNATIONAL SEARCH & SELECTION

BUSINESS SYSTEMS MANAGER

MIDLANDS **£Significant + Car + Benefits**

Our client, a High Street retail market leader, requires a highly experienced manager who can develop and implement an I.T. strategy which is critical to this rapidly expanding business.

Your experience should include a senior role in a large multi-site EPOS environment. You believe you have expertise in applying effective and practical solutions to business problems in a dynamic environment. You will be a strategic thinker with excellent interpersonal skills, and have the ability to contribute as a member of the senior management team. With a successful track record of managing large teams of people, you will have developed a consultative approach to management.

This position offers a rare career opportunity with significant rewards. In return, you must meet the challenges of this demanding role. Send your CV with a covering letter, quoting reference J005T, to:

BI *Bartwell* International Recruitment (UK) Ltd.
Crest House, 7 Highfield Road
Birmingham B15 3ED

Free Career Guide
0452 374422

Choosing a new career is never easy. There are always so many unanswered questions.

- *What does the job entail?*
- *What is the training like?*
- *What is the earning potential?*
- *Do I have the qualities to succeed?*

With Laurentian Life's free guide to a sales career in the fast-growing world of financial services, you can find the answers to all these questions *before* you decide to make a change. We'll even give you some initial career training while you continue in your present job.

Previous experience is not necessary. Eighty per cent of those who join us have never worked in sales or financial services before. And whilst you are learning you will enjoy a basic income of up to £1,000 per month plus unlimited bonuses.

The first step is easy. There are opportunities nationwide for men and women aged between 25 and 50. To find out if one of them is likely to suit you, simply ring *0452 374422* anytime for a copy of your *free* Career Guide. Then decide.

LAURENTIAN FINANCIAL GROUP
Established in the UK in 1931. Total assets (including funds under management) £1.5 billion.

TRAINEE BROKER OTE £20,000

City firm requires two graduates to train in our personal and corporate consultancy divisions.

Call Jon Parlee
071 936 2408

Intera Information Technologies Ltd.
11, Foxcombe Court, Wyndyke Furlong,
Abingdon Business Park, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 1DZ

INTERA

SOFTWARE FOR THE OIL INDUSTRY

Intera is a leading supplier of reservoir modelling software to the oil industry, with offices in Abingdon, Denver, Houston, Calgary and Perth. We have a vacancy for a well qualified graduate or post-graduate to join our software team to develop numerical oil reservoir simulation programs and their associated support codes. The job involves a combination of physics, mathematics and computer programming, with associated user support and maintenance. The primary development language is FORTRAN.

The company is based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire and offers competitive remuneration packages, including salaries in the £20,000-£30,000 range. If you would like to pursue this opportunity, please send your CV in confidence to Dr. D. K. Ponting at the above address.

These are HARD TIMES
Unless you are in **Software**

Beat the recession with qualifications and a new career.

- *+1 million* new computers in the UK forecast by 1997, none of which can operate without software.
- Software skills will be in demand and well-rewarded.
- Gain professional qualifications.
- Your spare time and our award-winning learning system – a winning combination!
- Act now for free information, a grading test and details of available Government support.

Fill in the coupon below or call 0384 459521.

Computech International Limited, FREEPOST, Dudley, West Midlands DY3 2BR. TT 16/07/HR
Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms .....
Tel ..... Age .....
Present occupation .....
Address .....
.....
Post Code .....

CIL Est. 1964 Computech International Ltd.

Logistics Manager.
c. £30k + EXECUTIVE CAR

Morse Computers are the UK's leading UNIX computer reseller. Clients are major corporates, public sector and merchant banks. With sales of £30m and increasing, Morse seek a logistics professional to manage our complex operations. Graduate, 27-35, experience in technical distribution management.

This position, based in London W7, carries responsibility for providing logistics support for a wide range of products and services.

Morse are committed to quality, and our policy is to recruit the best. If you are exactly that, please write to Nick Read, Director, Morse, 17 Sheen Lane, London SW14.

MORSE

OVERSEAS JOBS EXPRESS *Britain's No.1 for jobs abroad*

More jobs ● More choice ● More often
the newspaper with the BIGGEST selection of worldwide vacancies
Trade & Technical ● Professional ● Contract Working Holidays ● Seasonal ● Skilled ● Unskilled
Published every 2 weeks. Just £18 for 3 months
Or, for FREE information pack, send large SAE or 2 x 24p stamps to:
OVERSEAS JOBS EXPRESS PO Box 22, Brighton BN1 6HX
Phone 0273 448220 or 24 hour credit card line 0273 454622

ALL BOX NUMBER REPLIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

BOX No:- .....

c/o TIMES NEWSPAPERS
P.O. BOX 484,
VIRGINIA ST,
LONDON, E1 9DD



THEATRE page 30
Desmond Barrit, a magician in Pirandello's last play, now being staged at the National

ARTS

ROCK page 31
Scion language: Dweezil Zappa has followed his famous father Frank into the music business



GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on a show which encourages reappraisal of some well-known masterpieces

Close-ups reveal a different picture

When the young Cézanne painted the corner of his dark, ramshackle studio in Paris, he included a large canvas turned mysteriously to the wall. Its prominent presence provokes a host of questions. Is there a painting on the other side, abandoned in disgust by an artist chronically dissatisfied with his lack of success? Or did Cézanne see it as a virgin canvas, a promise of the work he intended to produce with the help of the pigment-spattered palettes hanging above?

Both interpretations are possible. But the proximity of the studio stove, where flames flicker behind its open mouth, suggests a more despairing possibility: the painting as victim, about to be consigned to the fire. Displayed now in the National Gallery's illuminating survey of **Pictures in Pictures**, Cézanne's powerful little image proves just how much this device can enrich a work's possible meanings.

At its most ostentatious, the idea of including a painting within a painting can easily yield indigestible results. Take the most diligent exhibit here, a picture by an unknown Flemish artist of a handsome room bedecked with no fewer than 40 oil paintings. Each is so carefully depicted that it can be confidently attributed to Rubens, Teniers, Breughel or one of their near-contemporaries. Filling the back wall from floor to ceiling, they make the interior look claustrophobic.

Their copyist's skill grows dogged and wearisome after a while, but a couple of unexpected details introduce a subversive note. Perched by the window, a monkey looks in at the *cognoscenti* poring over prints at a table. He seems to mock the whole notion of aping other men's work, and the painting flaunted in the foreground is even more irreverent in its implications. Admired by a lavishly dressed grandee, it shows a scene from the life of Diogenes: the sage who spurned all wordly goods and lived in a barrel.

By encouraging visitors to look hard at even the smallest objects inside a picture, the National Gallery exhibition helps us tease out interpretations which transform our understanding of even the most familiar images. Vermeer's two paintings must be among the most well-known in the Trafalgar Square collection. Both seem, on the surface, placid celebrations of domestic, musical life.

But the pictures lodged on the walls of these interiors show how opposed the two images may well be. The cupid hanging in a black frame in *A Young Woman Standing at a Virginal* holds a card in his commandingly raised hand. It probably symbolises the woman's fidelity to one man alone, and the vacant foreground chair, waiting for him to sit there, is turned away from us as if to reinforce her privacy.

The painting displayed within the other Vermeer, *A Young Woman Seated at a Virginal*, is a scene of prostitution. So, however impotent the well-dressed musician appears, she may be a pawn in a procuress's trade. Viewed in this light, her enticing smile suddenly seems suspect. She makes the woman in the first Vermeer look demure by comparison, and the viola by her side is turned towards us, an invitation for anyone to play.

Vermeer inserts these pictures-on-a-wall so quietly that we could be forgiven, without the stimulus provided by the exhibition, for disregarding their significance. But no such option is available when confronted by Lotto's challenging *Portrait of a Lady*. Determined to make us consider the import of the drawing she clutches, this redoubtable woman holds it up brazenly for inspection. She also thrusts the index finger of her other hand in the drawing's direction, and stares fiercely out like an Amazon warning us to ignore her at our peril.

The drawing brandished by this broad-shouldered figure is still more disturbing. Howling and naked after her rape, a dishevelled Lucretia prepares to stab herself. She directs her gaze towards Lotto's lady, as though insisting that other women follow her virtuous example. It is a stern, chilling injunction. But the unknown subject of Lotto's portrait would certainly be unafraid of obeying such a command.



Lotto's *Portrait of a Lady*, who "stares fiercely out like an Amazon warning us to ignore her at our peril". Courtesy of the National Gallery

An even more dramatic manifestation of an image's potency is provided by Poussin. In Lotto's picture, the drawing still occupies a subordinate position on the edge of the composition. But Poussin moves his inserted painting, a portrait of Cephalus's wife Procris, centre-stage. Cephalus himself has just been ardently embracing Aurora, the goddess of dawn. But when a protesting Cupid shows him the portrait of Procris, he stares down at the likeness and swings away impulsively from Aurora's arms.

Poussin concentrates on the moment of transition, as Cephalus is caught between the two women's rivals attractions. But there is no mistaking the urgent twist of his body, especially in contrast with the supine form of the bearded man slumped near by. Procris's painted image arrests his attention with an almost physical force, ousting Aurora and obliging him to consider where his loyalty lies.

In Degas' great portrait of Hélène Rouart, the young woman is shown standing in her father's study, surrounded by the works he has collected. She rests her arms on the back of his empty chair, apparently lost in thought.

The presence on the wall behind of a Corot and a Millet, two of Degas' favourite artists, ought to give the painting a restful air. But Hélène herself looks oddly isolated and melancholy. A blanched figure, her flat hair divided in a severe central parting, she appears oppressed by the clutter accumulated by her father.

Degas' unpredictable handling, which ranges from finished passages to strangely blurred and altered areas, accentuates her sense of fragility. She seems almost as imprisoned by her surroundings as the Egyptian statues standing in the nearby glass case. Although Hélène's living presence is affirmed in comparison with their deathly stillness, she looks paralysed by the thought of the absent patriarch and the possessions he expects her to protect.

● *Pictures in Pictures at the National Gallery (071-839 3321) until September 19*

Who first sat at this hero's desk?

AMID all the excitement about the "Anglesey" desk breaking the record for English furniture at £1.76 million last week, it would have seemed churlish to question the provenance. But, for all Christie's fine words about the first Marquess of Anglesey being a Battle of Waterloo hero and stoic (his comment on losing his leg being "By God, Sir, I've lost my leg!"), they did not supply evidence, such as bills or inventories, that it was actually commissioned by the great man.

Home comforts

THERE is something magical about the phrase "country house sale". It turns ordinary people into fanatics who will pay anything for cast-offs. Now, for stately home owners who cannot muster enough stock to fill a complete catalogue, Christie's has the solution. Next Monday and Tuesday they will run a joint sale on behalf of the Marquess of Linlithgow and the Earl of Dalhousie. At Hopetoun, the former's Palladian pile near Edinburgh, will be furniture and textiles in various states of disrepair: severe-faced portraits (£200-£2,000), and even a dog basket (£30-£50).

● FULL marks to the Tate Gallery and Gainsborough House museum over their purchase of Gainsborough's portrait of Peter Darnel Muilman, Charles Crockatt and William Keeble for £1.1 million at Sotheby's on Wednesday. They may have got it so cheap because everyone else was focused on Lord Cholmondeley's portrait of the artist, his wife and baby, now under negotiation for sale to the nation.

The Cholmondeley painting may also be a bargain, as negotiators had been

ART MARKET DIARY

waiting for this week's picture to establish a price for a painting of that period.

New classics

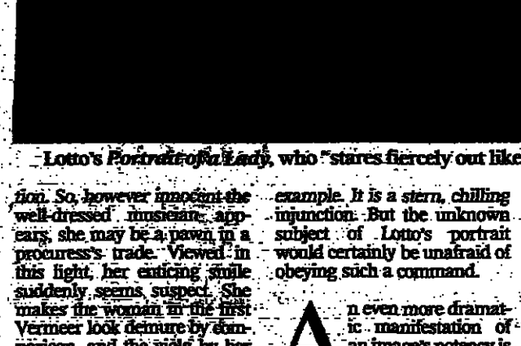
THE Chippendales are coming to Bond Street. Not the men with the rippling muscles, but the alumni of Parnham, the furniture-making college. Sotheby's say they are producing today's equivalents to the work of the 18th-century master Thomas Chippendale, and value for money. As in his day, patrons are invited to select a design and make a commission. But Sotheby's have an ulterior motive. They need to generate new stock for the future, in a market which shows signs of drying up.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** enjoys a British premiere at the Almeida Theatre

Taken by terror

DONALD COOPER



Judith (Virginia Kerr) and Holofernes (Richard Halton)

Almeida Opera seems to have left the best until last — the British premiere of Ian McQueen's *Line of Terror*. McQueen's one-acter was commissioned and first performed in Sweden in 1987. It was followed up by another Swedish commission, the full-length *Fortunato*, reviewed with enthusiasm on this page in the spring. I don't want to labour the point, but here we have been, Venturing and Studio-ing away with varying degrees of success, while there was a born opera composer beavering away abroad just waiting to be "discovered". Wake up, everyone.

Within its 48 minutes, *Line of Terror* tells the biblical story of Judith and Holofernes and says something in a refreshingly non-didactic fashion about terrorism, about cause and effect, mainly through a chorus as volatile and unreliable as the one in *Turandot* (another interesting treatment of terrorism, but with an unsatisfactorily glib ending).

The piece is expertly structured and paced, bustling along yet punctuated with big-boned lyrical outbursts. Judith's moment of decision comes exactly half way through. These outbursts sound extremely rewarding to sing (McQueen always writes gratefully for the voice) and are shamelessly "operatic" — nothing wrong with that. There is a neo-Gershwin lushness to much of the writing, tempered with the piquancy of Poulenc at his best. And while there is always something interesting going on in the nine-piece orchestra, it seldom covers the voices: the words come through consistently. Such basic operatic skills are rare, and much to be treasured.

There were some rough edges to Wednesday's performance (eyes glued to television monitors suggested that one or two more unaffordable rehearsals would not have come amiss) but they could not dim the impact of Matthew Richardson's propulsive production or the excellent work of the three soloists.

Virginia Kerr tackled the bold, dramatic writing for Judith with beauty of tone and confidence of line, combining some vertiginous excursions above the stave with clear projection of the text, thus ensuring that the woman's personal tragedy was eloquently conveyed.

Richard Halton was the brutal Holofernes, lulled into lyricism by lust and Andrew Watts sang the Ammonite leader Achior, a counter-tenor role embracing descents into the baritone register, with — again — admirable clarity of diction. Words *can* get across in the Almeida, provided composer and conductor (here, the attentive Martin Brabbins) know their business.

The piece was preceded by David Lang's 20-minute unpretentious, efficient mime-and-marionette treatment of the same subject. There is a repeat tomorrow afternoon: warmly recommended.

Will your PC look like an extra from a movie next week?



In the fast moving world of personal computers, dealing with a manufacturer whose products are designed to keep pace with the changes, and whose reliability is proven, is vital. Viglen is just such a company.

Established over 18 years ago, Viglen is a British manufacturer totally dedicated to the PC market. With over 100,000 users in most of the top 100 UK organisations, our policy is to provide better value and service through selling and supporting our products on a direct basis.

Viglen computers not only combine high performance and attractive prices, but they're designed to make expansion and upgrading as simple as possible. For example, the Viglen EX series use 486DX processors today, but are fully upgradable to Intel Pentium™ and beyond, so they'll survive much longer than rival systems. And Viglen PCs are built to standards which few can emulate.

The message is simple. Buying computers which are made to last avoids premature extinction. And makes sense for your budget.

Call Viglen direct to find out more.

intel inside

MICROSOFT WINDOWS READY-TO-RUN

Viglen

YOU'LL NEVER LOOK BACK

Viglen Limited Viglen House, Alperton Lane, Alperton, Middlesex HA0 1DX. Tel 081 758 7000 Fax 081 758 7060

TEL 081 758 7000

Please send me more information on the Viglen range of personal computers

Name Title

Company Address

Postcode Telephone

Business/Education Use ☐ Home/Personal Use ☐

Please return this coupon to: Viglen Limited, Viglen House, Alperton Lane, Alperton, Middlesex HA0 1DX. DNO/T1

Genie and Viglen are registered trademarks of Viglen Ltd. Microsoft Windows and the Microsoft Windows Ready To Run logo are trademarks of Microsoft Corporation. Pentium and the Intel inside logo are trademarks of Intel Corporation. All other trade marks are acknowledged.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

LONDON

PROMS Andrew Davis and the BBC Symphony Orchestra get this year's Proms off to a theatrical start with a concert performance of Strauss's intense expressionist masterpiece, *Elektra*. Marilyn Zschau sings the title role; Eva Randova is Clytemnestra, Willard White, Orestes.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, 7.30pm

ROBERT PLANT: The former Led Zeppelin lead singer continues to forge a solo career. His new album, *Fate of Nations*, is mellow in content but the distinctive ululating voice remains reassuringly the same.
Brixton Academy, London (071-326 1022). Tonight 7pm.

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
Royal National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens tomorrow, 7.30 pm. Then in repertoire

GAY SOPER As part of the City of London Festival, Gay Soper, star of *Les Misérables* and *Godspell*, appears for two nights in her first one-woman show. The concerts will feature the songs of Cole Porter, Gershwin and Sondheim.
All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London EC3 (071-248 4260), tomorrow, Sunday, 8pm.

BACH BY CANDLELIGHT: The *Fenstein Ensemble plays Bach's* Brandenburg No 5, Suite No 2 in B minor and Triple Concerto in A minor, and Vivaldi's Chamber Concerto in F.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London E1 (071-839 1930) Tonight, 7.30pm

REGIONAL

BUXTON FESTIVAL Frank Matcham's delightful opera house hosts the first of two productions by Jonathan Miller, which should ensure a degree of professionalism not always evident in recent years. The staging of Donizetti's romantic historical drama *Maria Stuarda* comes from the Opéra de Monte Carlo.
Opera House, Water Street, Buxton (0298 72190). From tonight, 7.30pm

CAMBRIDGE: Two cathedral concerts form the programme for the Britten Sinfonia Summer Music this year, the new chamber orchestra's first series of *concerts in its home county*. Nicholas Cleobury conducts both evenings' concerts, which include music by Haydn, Elgar, Mozart, Holst, Arensky and Tchaikovsky, and both concerts will be preceded by a pre-concert talk with the conductor. He is joined tonight by composer David Matthews, whose *Serenade* is included in the Friday programme.
Ely Cathedral, Ely, tonight, 7.30pm, **King's College Chapel**, Cambridge, *tomorrow, 7.30pm. (Box office: 0223 357 851)*.

LEEDS Mike Alfreds directs Susie Blake and a large cast in Feydeau's *A Flea in her Ear*, climaxing in a hotel room with a revolving bed.
Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Opens *tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm*, Sat, 8pm, mat July 24 and Aug 7, 4pm Till August 14.

OXFORDSHIRE: The 17th year of Art in Action is held in the house and grounds of Waterperry House. The event includes demonstrations of a wide variety of traditional art and craft skills from all over the world, as well as continuous theatre and music over the four days. There are practical workshops in which children and adults can try out the skills they have seen, and a variety of refreshments is available.
Waterperry House, nr. Wheatley, Oxfordshire (071-381 3192). Today, tomorrow, Sunday, 10.30am-5.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BACKSTROKE IN A CROWDED POOL** Racial violence and animal life in Hounslow: uncertain at times but full of quirky promise.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins. Extended to July 24

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **COMEDIANS** Tim McInnerny plays the bitter and rejected comic in a well-staged revival of Trevor Griffiths's play. Last week.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 155mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS.** A tribute in verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Soft-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm. 120mins.

■ **GREASE** *Back to the Fifties*: greased hair and neon sox. Teenage love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack. Last week.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◩ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Bebe Neuwirth gives her final performances as the vamp in this tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. Last week.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses. Aristophanes would have approved.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 95mins

☐ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 140mins.

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III.** Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns to the performance of his life.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens tomorrow, 7.30 pm. Then in repertoire

■ **MARVIN'S ROOM:** Alison Steadman and Phyllis Logan, with Carmel McSharry in an award-winning dark comedy by Scott McPherson: a woman in need calls upon her estranged sister for help.
Hampstead, *Swiss Cottage Centre*, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production. Janet McTeer plays Beatrice to Mark Rylance's Benedick.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

■ **OLEANNA:** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college, passionate argument, riveting drama. Caused much controversy on its opening in New York. Directed by Harold Pinter.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ■ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) .. ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by SWET

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BARAKA (PG). A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ **BENNY & JOON** (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **HOUSE OF ANGELS** (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's bestseller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **SUPER MARIO BROS** (PG): Video game stars penetrate a parallel universe of reptilian thugs. Ponderous, excessive extravaganza, with Bob Hoskins, Dennis Hopper. Directors, Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SURE FIRE: Family discord in Utah. Harsh, rigorous 1990 feature from prolific US independent Jon Jost.
ICA (071-930 3647)

THREE OF HEARTS (18): Can William Baldwin win back Kelly Lynch's bisexual girlfriend? Who cares? Timidly daring romantic soufflé. With Sherilyn Fenn.
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

THEATRE: Pirandello's final, unfinished play, completed by Charles Wood

Second-guessing the author

DONALD COOPER



Cotrone (Desmond Barrit) and Ilse, the Contessa (Sian Thomas)

The Mountain Giants
Cottesloe

PIRANDELLO had penned three-quarters of *The Mountain Giants* by the time he took to his death-bed in 1936, and was still mentally adding the missing slice on the last but one night of his life. His son, who talked to him the following morning, has left us a pretty complete idea of what the old man wanted; and this has now been, if you'll forgive the phrase, ghost-written for him by our own Charles Wood. The result is unexpected: a version of the play that tends to dawdle or pretentiously gush when Pirandello is being directly translated, but gains in sense, tension and force when the English dramatist assumes full command.

Early on, you could hear nervous shuffling as the audience battled with the florid style and taxing content of late, late Pirandello. A troupe of actors led by a "Contessa" had arrived in a remote hideaway. They had, it seemed, been reduced to poverty by the failure of their play, but, since its author had killed himself for love of the leading lady, they were determined to continue performing it wherever they could. They had also been greeted by Desmond Barrit tooled out in dark curls, maroon velvet jacket and cravat. But who was he and what did the encounter signify?

Well, his name is Cotrone and he is a magician. He may also be identified with Pirandello himself, since he is allegedly endowed with high intellect, intense imagination and creative genius, all qualities in which the Italian maestro did not think himself deficient. His kingdom is a place where fantasies can become flesh — at one point a white-winged angel sedately pads across the stage — and where much emphasis is put on intuition, spirit and soul. There is also quite a lot of Pirandello-speak about art and life, reality and illusion, and other pet complexities: "if you want the truth, invent it", "dreams are more real than we are", "all noise is a hole made in deafness", and, most puzzling of all, "the reality of fiction gives the body pallid nonentity".

The translation does not always sing and, despite a scene in which the actors spin about with life-sized dummies, William Gaskill's production does not always dance. But then comes a final act in which these rarefied creatures are forced to present their play to the slaves and lackeys of "mountain giants" whom Wood specifically identifies with the fascists of 1936. These noisome boors — "justly proud of their achievements and their muscle, but thick as shit and twice as nasty" — are heard roaring, booing and finally turning murderous. The ending grips, no doubt of it.

But how justified is it? Pirandello's son reported that his father meant to suggest that there was an uncrossable gulf between true artists and their "uncouth" audiences, and wanted the play to end in mayhem and death. But he would have disowned the explicit references to Hitler and Mussolini. Does Wood not know that Pirandello belonged to the Duce's party and gave his gold Nobel medal to be sold in aid of the war in Abyssinia? Is *The Mountain Giants* really a principled man's not-so-coded rejection of fascism rather than what it seems, a super-subtle dramatist's high-flown attack on everyday philistinism? I fear not.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Old-fashioned fun

Impassioned Embraces
Old Red Lion, Islington

A YOUNG man bursts in, screaming "sex and death!" He launches into a hysterical diatribe, slimy with visceral detail, against American military intervention. It is as overpowering as the cramped conditions of fringe theatre dictate.

On Wednesday night the man next to me lit a cigarette and exclaimed: "absolute shit!" It was, of course, part of the show: a sadistic dialogue between director and performer, the latter goaded into gibbering frenzy by my neighbour, while I selfconsciously scribbled notes, uncertain whether to look like part of the play as well.

Not for the first time it seems that the old form of revue sketch, complete with unexpected twist and sudden blackout, has been adopted by the American theatre. These 13 vignettes by John Pielmeier, best known as author of *Sister Agnes of God*, were developed at the Repertory Theatre of St Louis and range from satirical showbiz in-jokes to a farcical end-of-term romp.

But knockabout comedy used not to concern itself with vasectomy, adultery and murderous violence; these scenes are unmistakably post-Jules Feiffer. Steve Shill keeps directorial gimmicks to a minimum and lets his cast of six do their often very funny stuff.

Sideswipes at the business we love to hate, or occasionally love, include Margot Steinberg's rapid first person history of an aspiring actress, taking in walk-ons in Agatha Christie directed by Joe Papp, a horror movie, a Stallone flop, a television sitcom entitled *I Married a Chimp*, the Betty Ford Clinic and a lovely cod-Jacobean mad scene.

Nancy Gair's leering business executive interviews David Gilliam's job candidate: an impeccably correct anecdote of sexist tables turned; the foul-mouthed bar-room Casanova (Tristan Hickey) and his bookish pick-up turn out to be not what they seem; David Brake imitates a television screen switching between channels; Joanne MacInnes desperately tries to interest backers in her Thoreau-based musical, *Ah! Walden!*

Despite the nods towards modern preoccupations, this is an old-fashioned entertainment whose satirical bite never goes very deep. It seems happiest observing social pretences, as in the wedding reception where a politely beaming groom and bridesmaid reveal their neutral passion and a tangle of amorous relationships.

MARTIN HOYLE

DANCE

Vigour in their variety

Kirov Gala
Coliseum

THEY had announced Jerome Robbins's *In The Night*, but had failed to secure permission to perform it outside Russia. We had been looking forward to watching the Kirov in something other than 19th-century ballet.

That function was left to Balanchine's *Scotch Symphony* (which they brought to London in 1990) and their director Oleg Vinogradov's latest piece, *Adagio*. Last time *Scotch Symphony* appeared appropriately set against a highland landscape, so the burgundy drapes and palace statuary here came as a jarring surprise. Nor did Irina Chistyakova, for all her deftness in the rapid bounce of the kilted girl's role, match memories of Larissa Lezhnina's dazzling brio. Lezhnina this time was cast as the sylph; and her girlish spiritedness suited the part's ethereal drift less well.

But where else can you see such faultless techniques, such sensitivity of manner? Chaîné turns travel like spools of silk unravelling, beaten steps flutter like insect wings. Alexander Kurkov was a strong presence in his partnership with Lezhnina, his bulk contrasting satisfyingly with the neatness of his finishes.

Just as impressive as technical perfection is the Kirov's rich understanding of music and style. This was evident in the Kingdom of Sweets extract from *The Nutcracker*, which the Kirov last performed in London in 1970. The choreography (after Vainonen) often looks predictable, especially in solos for the Prince and Princess, but Veronika Ivanova and Alexander Gulyaev danced with the sweep and elegance of true fairy-tale aristocrats; while the Mirlitons trio conveyed all the nonchalant charm of an 18th-century pastorale.

Vinogradov's *Adagio*, to Samuel Barber's music, featured a rectangle of blue-grey light on a darkened stage and two dancers — Yulia Makhalina and Konstantin Zaklinsky. It proved to be that sexually charged, hollow celebration of the human plastique beloved of so many choreographers. Makhalina arched her ravishing body, extended her lissom limbs in lavish lines, and got loud bravos.

Three short items replaced the Robbins ballet. The unquestionable best was the Pas de Six from Saint-Léon's *La Vivandière*: a peerless combination of intricate choreography, pretty music and stunning performance, led by the wonderful Sergei Vikharev.

NADINE MEISNER

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

RAY HOWARD JONES AT 90
Retrospective of paintings and Drawings
21 JULY UNTIL 7TH AUGUST
10-7 Everyday
ROCKET CONTEMPORARY ART
28 Cork Street, London W1
071 437 2812

THE ROYAL WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY
SUMMER OPEN EXHIBITION
8 JULY - 15 AUGUST
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sun 1-5. (Closed Mon and Sat).
BANKSIDE GALLERY
Hopton St, SE1.
(071-928-7521)

LEFEVRE GALLERY
30, Bruton St, W1. 071-493 2107.
EDWARD BURRA - Drawings of the 1920's and 30's.
10 June - 16 July. Mon-Fri 10-5.

MARTYN GREGORY
DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS by JEHAN DALY. 7 - 30 July, 34 Bury Street, London SW1. (071 839 3731).

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1. Recorded info 071-439 4996/7 PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY. 225TH SUMMER EXHIBITION. Book Tickets on 071-240 7200/071-344 4444 (booking fees).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM inc CC 071 836 3161
CC 24 hrs (no bkg fee)
071 497 9977/344 4444
UNTIL 31 JULY
THE KIROV BALLET
Swan Lake / La Bayadere / Sleeping Beauty / Le Corsaire
Last 3 perfs Tonight 7.30, Tomorrow 2.00 & 7.30:
LA BAYADERE

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 071 240 1066/1911. Standby info 836 6903. S CC tickets avail on the day.
THE ROYAL OPERA.
Ton't 7.00 Don Giovanni.
Tomor 7.00 Eugene Onegin.
THE ROYAL BALLET.
Tomor 12.00 The Royal Ballet School Matinée.

SAVOY THEATRE
July 19-24, 7.30pm
ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET
Box 071 836 8888
re-opens the Savoy with works by Sleep,Tetley Fokine, Rorz, Franklin
Details and Casting
071 581 1245 ext 243

ART GALLERIES

William Hardie Gallery
DAVID HOCKNEY
very new paintings
28 June - 27 August 1993
an illustrated catalogue by DAVID HOCKNEY, some very new paintings is published to accompany the Exhibition
in association with MURRAY JOHNSTONE LTD.
141 West Regent Street, Glasgow G2 2SG
Telephone 041 221 6780 Fax 041 248 6237
The Eight V.N. Painting 1992

ANTIQUE KILMS
FOR COLLECTORS, CONNOISSEURS AND AESTHETES
Our Aniversary Exhibition Boasts The Largest Collection of Antique Kilims to be Seen Aywhere IN EUROPE
DO NOT MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
GORDON REECE GALLERY
Knaresborough North Yorkshire
0423-566219/566502
UNTIL 1ST AUGUST 10.30-5(SUN 2-5) CLOSED THURS
AA SIGN POSTED

THEATRES

ADELPHI
SUNSET BOULEVARD
24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL 071 344 0055 (with bkg fee) GROUP BOOKING 071 413 3302 (with bkg fee)
Recorded information 071 379 8884
Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00

EVENTS

THE SAVOY THEATRE
KASPAROV v SHORT
24 GAMES
7 SEPTEMBER-30 OCTOBER 93
STARTS 3.30PM
TUES-THURS-SATS
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM
FIRST CALL
071 - 497 9977
24 HOURS – 7 DAYS
THE TIMES
WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

ALBERY BO/CC 071 867 1115/071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
PETER BOWLES, PATRICIA HODGE, MIRIAN KARLIN, RACHEL GURNEY, CHARLOTTE CORNWELL, ERNEST CLARK
and ROSEMARY LEACH in
TERENCE RATTIGAN'S
SEPARATE TABLES
Dr by PETER HALL
Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats Thu 3.0 & Sat 4.0

ALDWYCH BO/CC 071 836 6404 CC 497 9977 (24hr/with bkg fee)
MAGGIE SMITH
ALEX JENNINGS, RICHARD E. GRANT, SUSANNAH HARKER, CLAIRE SKINNER, RICHARD PEARSON, MARGARET TYZACK
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
by OSCAR WILDE
Dr by NICHOLAS HYTNER
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mat Wed+Sat 2.30
LAST 2 WEEKS

ALDWYCH 071 836 6404/497 9977
The Royal National Theatre's Multi Award-Winning Production
AN INSPECTOR CALLS
From 21 August

APOLLO VICTORIA SS cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 cc 24hr 071 344 4444/497 9977 071 379 9901 Groups 930 6123
"Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
"A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail
White knuckle runs 19.45 daily Tue & Sat 15.00
EXTRA MATS 29 JULY & 12 AUG
Tickets from £9.00 - £30.00

APOLLO 071 494 5070/071 344 4444 (no fees) "Prepare for a raving loony night out" D.Exp
THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B.
" Simply F.A.B." S. Tel
Mon-Thurs 8, Fri 6.30 & 9, Sat 5 & 8

COMEDY 071 867 1045 cc 071 1111/071 344 4444/497 9977 (24hrs/no bkg fee)
THE INVISIBLE MAN
"THE BEST FUN TO BE HAD IN THE WEST END" D. Mail
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3
SPECIAL FAMILY PRICES!
CALL 867 1045

CRITERION 071 839 4488 / cc 071 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Air Conditioned
"SENSATIONAL" F Times
ELEGIES
Mon-Thur 8, Fri 6 & 8.45, Sat 4.30 & 8
ALL SEATS £10+£7.50 Mon-Wed

DOMINION CC HOTLINE 071 413 1411 (24hr) Info 580 8845 /9562 Grps 413 3321/836 0975
GREASE
Starring CRAIG McLACHLAN and DEBBIE GIBSON
Eves 7.30pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5001/344 4444/240 7200/379 9901 Grps 831 8625/494 5454
MISS SAIGON
"THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME"
NOW IN ITS 4TH SENSATIONAL YEAR
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs apply B.O.
FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS
071 494 5060 BKG FEE

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee) Groups 071 413 3321
Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30
NOW IN ITS 3RD YEAR
"A SAUCY COMEDY" E Std
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"Gloriously Outrageous" T Out

DUKE OF YORK'S 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hrs/no bkg fee 071 497 9977/344 4444 Grps 071 930 6123
Seats from £9.50
ARTHUR MILLER'S
"Best play for a decade" IoS
THE LAST YANKEE
"I URGE & BEG YOU TO SEE IT A MAJOR EVENT. SUPERB" ST
Eves 7.45. Mats Thu 3.00, Sat 5.00

FORTUNE BO & CC 836 2238 CC 344 4444 (24hrs/no bkg fee)/497 9977 (bkg fee) Grps 413 3321
EDWARD PETHERBRIDGE
JOSEPH FIENNES
Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
"A REAL THRILL OF HORROR" S.Times
"The audience were jumping out of their seats" Observer
Eves 8pm Mats Tue 3pm Sat 4pm
5TH SPINE CHILLING YEAR!
Air Conditioned

GARRICK BO/CC 494 5085/497 9977 (no fee) 071 344 4444
"The outstanding comedy hit of the season" S. Exp
PAUL BOWN, IVAN KAYE
JOHN GODBER'S
ON THE PISTE
"HYSTERICALLY FUNNY" Today
Mon-Sat 8 mats Thu 3 Sat 4

GLOBE BO/CC 071 494 5067/071 344 4444/497 9977 Grps 930 6123
TOM CONTI
GABRIELLE DRAKE, JUDY LOE & JENNY SEAGROVE
in NOEL COWARD'S
PRESENT LAUGHTER
"I was CAPTIVATED and DAZZLED by it's charm and fizz. A TRIUMPH" D Mail
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thur & Sat 3

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO / CC 071 930 8800 / CC (24 hrs no bkg Fee) 071 344 4444 / 497 9977
Denis Lawson
in
LUST
Circa 1661
A comedy musical by the Heather Bros. based on The Country Wife
Now Previewing. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 4.30pm & 8.30pm, Wed 3pm

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 1994
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

LON. PALLADIUM 24hr BO/CC 071 494 5020 (£1 per Tkt Serv Chge) 071 344 4444/497 9977 Serv Chge Mon-Thu/bkg fee Fri-Sat) Groups 494 5456 (£1 per Tkt Serv Chge)
Andrew Lloyd Webber's
"exuberant new production" Std
of "Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's Palladium Blockbuster" Gdn
JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
Dr by STEVEN PIMLOTT
Starring PHILLIP SCHOFIELD
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
NOW BOOKING TO OCT 2
QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 071 344 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee).
cc 497 9977 Grps 071 930 6123
The Joint Never Stops Jumpin
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
3RD GREAT YEAR
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 or (24hrs/no bkg fee) 071 836 3464 COMEDIANS by Trevor Griffiths "BRILLIANT REVIVAL... GREAT EVENING" Gdn. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed 2.30 & Sat 4.00 STUDIO 081 741 8701 13-17 Jul. L.A.P.A. present THE ACCRINGTON PALS
Eve 8.00, Sat mat 4.30

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741; 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
OLIVIER
Ton't 7.15 Tomor 2.00 & 7.15
MACBETH
William Shakespeare
LYTTELTON
Tomor 7.30 (PREVIEW)
THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III
Alan Bennett
COTTESLOE
Ton't 7.00 Tomor 2.30 & 7.00
MR "A"s AMAZING MAZE PLAYS
Alan Ayckbourn

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444. Groups 930 6123
Tkts from: Tower Records Lokt.
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00
LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT.
Bars open at 6.45
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

OLD VIC BO/CC 071 928 7616 cc 071 497 9977/ 071 344 4444
Groups 071 413 3321
HAIR
The musical that rocked the world
Book & Lyrics
GEROME RAGNI and JAMES RADO
Music by GALT MACDERMOT
Dir by MICHAEL BOGDANOV
from 28th August

OLD VIC BO/CC 071 928 7616
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
GERALDINE JAMES in
LYSISTRATA
"PETER HALL'S superb production" Obs. "Ranjit Bolts wonderfully rude translation" D.Tel "Hilarious" Gdn
LAST 4 WEEKS of LTD. SEASON
Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 5

OPEN AIR THEATRE Regents Park S 071 486 2431 cc 071 486 1933/071 344 4444 (bkg fee)
ROMEO & JULIET Today 8.0, Sat 2.30 & 8.0

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 793 1000
Group Sales 071 930 6123
Groups 071 494 1671
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the interval
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 867 1044 867 1111/344 4444 (fee) 497 9977
BEST MUSICAL
ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS 1991
BARBARA DICKSON in
WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
with CARL WAYNE
"ASTONISHING" S Express
"Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail
Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc (24hr no bkg fee) 836 3464 / 071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123
THE NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL COMEDY
CRAZY FOR YOU
"PUTS THE BRIGHT LIGHTS BACK IN THE WEST END IN DAZZLING STYLE" M on Sun
BEST MUSICAL
1993 Laurence Olivier Award
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00

TO PLACE YOUR ENTERTAINMENT ADVERTISEMENT IN THE TIMES
TRADE ADVERTISERS
TEL: 071-481 1920
ADVERTISING FAX NO. 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE ADVERTISERS
TEL: 071-481 4000

PRINCE OF WALES 071 839 5972 cc (24hr/no bkg fee) 071 836 3464/071 344 4444 Groups 071 930 6123
It's MORE than a musical...
"SHEER BRILLIANT FUN" FT
"A MUSICAL COMEDY MADE IN HEAVEN" The Times
"THIS ONE YOU HAVE TO SEE" S.Exp
CITY OF ANGELS
THE HOLLYWOOD MUSICAL
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
SOME TICKETS STILL AVAIL THIS WEEK
FULLY AIR CONDITIONED
LAST 4 WEEKS

QUEENS BO/CC 071 494 5041 (no bkg fee)CC 071 497 9977(Bkg fee)
MARK RYLANCE, JANET McTEER
"These are two BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES" Obs.
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
by William Shakespeare
"Shakespeare makes a welcome return to the West End" S. Times
Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Mats Sat 2.30

ROYAL COURT 071-730 1745/2554 cc 836 2428(24hrs) 836 5122
OLEANNA by David Mamet
"A Splendidly Controversial Hit" D.Tel Eves 8 Sat Mat 4

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (071 638 8891 cc Mon - Sun 9am-8pm)
BARBICAN THEATRE
THE TAMING OF THE SHREW
Ton't 7.15, Tomor 2.00 & 7.15
THE PIT : MISHA'S PARTY
Ton't, Tomor 7.15
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON (0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm)
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30
SWAN THEATRE: THE VENETIAN TWINS Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30
THE OTHER PLACE: GHOSTS
Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30
Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999.

SHAFTESBURY CC 344 4444 (24hrs) BO & CC 379 5399 Gps 379 5815/413 3321 No bkg fees
BEST MUSICAL
Evening Standard Awards 1992
Winner of 7 Tony Awards including BEST MUSICAL
KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN
starring Bebe Neuwirth
Jeff Hyslop, Charles Pistone & Clarke Peters
Directed by Harold Prince
Eves 8pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
ENDS TOMORROW!
N.C.P. PARKING. Show/hotel deals on 081 426 0005

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071 379 5399 CC 071 344 4444 24hr/bkg fee Grps 413 3321
"RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S MASTERPIECE" S. Times
CAROUSEL
'A joyous, brilliant & breath-taking production' Int Her Trib
LIMITED SEASON
10 September to 26 February

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 344 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0
41st Year of Agatha Christie's
THE MOUSETRAP

VAUDEVILLE 071 836 9987 or 071 344 4444 (24hrs/no bkg fee)
"Funniest play in the West End"
AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER
2 FOR 1 OFFER: Ask for details
Mon-Fri 8, Mat Wed 3, Sat 5.30 & 8.15

VAUDEVILLE B/O & CC 836 9987 CC 24hr (No Fee) 497 9977
Opening August 3rd
ANTON RODGERS, GWEN TAYLOR
In ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play
TIME OF MY LIFE

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee)071-344 4444/240 7200
Groups 071 930 6123
BUDDY
The Buddy Holly Story
"BRILLIANT" Sun
BUDDY
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
BUDDY
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5.00 & 8.30.
ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF
4th SENSATIONAL YEAR
OVER 1500 PERFORMANCES
BOOKING THROUGH 1993

WHITEHALL BO/CC 867 1119 /1111 071 344 4444/497 9977
BEST COMEDY PERF
BEST ENTERTAINMENT
1993 OLIVIER AWARDS
Simon Cadell
William Gaunt, Richard Kane
TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT
"GILES HAVERGALS brilliant adaptation of GRAHAM GREENE'S funniest novel" Obs.
Mon-Fri 8 Wed 3 Sat 5 & 8.15

WYNDHAM'S 071 867 1116 cc 867 1111 344 4444 (no fee) Grp 930 6123
From The Gate Theatre, Dublin
"Joe Dowling's all conquering production" Eve Her
FOR 5 WEEKS ONLY
JUNO & THE PAYCOCK
by Sean O'Casey
"one of the most exciting productions of the decade" Frank Rich, New York Times
"A completely unmissable event" Time Out
Eves 7.45, Sat Mat 2.30, Wed Mats 28 July, 4 & 11 Aug 2.30

هكذا من الأصل

ROCK ON FRIDAY: The mixed blessing of having a famous name ... the dreamy face of grunge ... more Madonna

Genius in their blue genes

Going into the family business has rather more appeal if your father happens to be Frank Zappa or your mother Cher. Paul Sexton reports





The kids are doing all right: Chastity Bono (second from left, above) writes the songs with Chance (on the right) for their band Ceremony; Dweezil (with hair) and Ahmet Zappa

Parents, it was once said, are the last people who should be allowed to have children. During the wilfully irresponsible 1960s and 1970s, that was probably appropriate to none more than the rock fraternity. An image of Ozzy, the mother and father of Bowie or Rolan Bolan at school parents' evening does not come easily to mind.

So what, in the straight-laced, multinational rock industry of the 1990s, does that leave those offspring who have chosen to follow their parents' bad example and make a living out of music? Many a finding that, to use a metaphor or two, being a chip off the old rock is not the ride it may appear.

> 'Is this nepotism? Did this kid really work to get where she is?'

Chastity Bono, the 24-year-old daughter of Cher by her marriage to Sonny Bono, recently launched her own band Ceremony with the single "Wild've Been Love", a well-crafted, richly harmonised piece of Californian pop. She has grown used to being ignored as a musician in her own right, and used instead as a target for questions about her superstar mother. "Generally we're pretty comfortable with those kind of interviews," she says. "You know, what she buys when she goes shopping. I have no problems with that, but when they want to know how many shoes she buys . . ."

Ceremony's debut album *Hang Out Your Poetry*, to be released here by Geffen on August 9, is respectable pop that deserves to be heard with an open mind, but that has not been the group's experience thus far. Indeed, Bono could be said to have been living down her name since her birth, as Cher appeared in a little-remembered 1969 film that took its title from the name of her new daughter.

"For the most part, people who like the record say they're surprised they like it, because it's me," Bono says, while Chance, her female co-writer in the sextet, adds: "People preface everything with this whole thing about Chastity and her mom, 'almost like they want to take something away from her. In lots of ways we had to prove ourselves more than other young bands do."

At least Dweezil Zappa can be sure he will not have to field questions about his father's footwear purchases. As one of the sons of the groundbreaking rock experimentalist Frank Zappa, he has generally been able to turn his name to his advantage. He now records with younger brother Ahmet in a group called Z, which last week completed a European tour in London to support their album *Shampoohorn* (Food For Thought). He and Ahmet did joke about calling the band AZ/DZ, "but somehow I don't think a certain person would have approved.

"There's a lot of value in the last name when it comes to credibility musicianship-wise," Dweezil says. "I've worked with a lot of great musicians, and the more people become familiar with my music, the more they come to understand that we're not just a couple of people trying to ride the coat-tails of a famous name."

A great affection for their father and his work pervades *Shampoohorn*, and Dweezil's album notes state that he wrote the title track "for my dad, since he's the only one that can tap his foot to it".

Twenty years ago, the singer-songwriter Jim Croce was completing an arduous climb to success in America, about to hit No 1 with "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" and with the chart-topping *You Don't Mess Around With Jim* album to his credit. The remainder of his impressive achievements were posthumous, following his death at the age of 30 in a plane crash that September. Now his name, but decidedly not his sweet balladeering style, is being continued by A.J. Croce, whose debut album is released in Britain by Private Music on July 26. Croce the younger essays a blues and jazz-edged brew, obviously influenced by the likes of Fats Waller and Cecil Gant. His style was developed over years spent performing at Croce's Top Hat Bar & Grill, his mother Ingrid's club in San Diego.

Croce, who was born the year before his father's death, says: "People are always surprised when they see me and hear me sing. Initially I was very uncomfortable performing at the bar. There were pictures of my father all around. But I do this because I love it, not because of anything to do with my father. The important thing was being able to play and, once I realised that, the comparisons didn't matter.

"In one sense his name helped record company people listen to [my record], but if they didn't have a clue where to put it, they weren't going to sign me."

Few new artists in recent years have traded on the family name more profitably than Wilson Phillips, the trio of daughters from the Beach Boys and Mamas and Papas "stables". Their eponymous 1990 debut album sold more than five million copies in America alone, but after the relative failure of the 1992 follow-up *Shadows and Light* (described by SBK Records' Nancy Brennan as "a million-selling flop"), the group split up, with Wendy and Carnie Wilson (daughters of the great Brian) now making a Christmas album for the label and Chynna Phillips (the offspring of John and Michelle) signed to a separate SBK deal.

Perhaps ironically, in a dynasty notorious for familial in-fighting, the Beach Boys's Al Jardine is now joined onstage at their concerts by his harmonising son Matt, who can be seen as a toddler on the cover of the 1970 album *Sunflower*.

Others have taken the parental entree and ascended to greater heights than mom and pop ever managed, most notably Whitney Houston, whose debut album probably sold more copies in its first month than Cissy, her mother, managed in her entire career. But British singers such as Julian Lennon and Chesney Hawkes have had a constant battle with a brutally demanding domestic media. Hawkes is no longer managed by his father Chip, formerly of the Tremeloes, and his record company admits that the professional association became a millstone.

In America, much is expected by SBK of Bloodline, who are due to release their first album later this year. Their line-up includes drummer Erin Davis, the 22-year-old son of Miles; guitarist Waylon Krieger, 19, whose father Robbie performed the same role with the Doors; and Berry Oakley Jr, who, at 20, is continuing in the bass-playing tradition of his late father, once part of the Allman Brothers Band.

Another rock outfit, Lost City, have yet to receive a UK release for their debut album, *Watching You*, despite the fact that they include what amounts to two-thirds of a second-generation Cream in the form of keyboardist Malcolm Bruce, son of Jack, and Kofi Baker, Ginger's drumming son.

As to whether their fame by association is a weight to be dragged around or a career boost to be envied, the 1990s brood seems sometimes to yearn for the luxury of anonymity. "I've always looked at it as a double-edged sword," Chastity Bono says. "There's a natural curiosity, so it gives us the opportunity to be heard more than the opposition." "But the down side is that sort of cynical side," Chance says. "Is this nepotism? Did this kid really work to get where she is?"

NEW RELEASES: Raw talent can overcome the silliest name – Smashing Pumpkins, for one

Smells like teen spirituality

SMASHING PUMPKINS
Siamese Dream
(Hut CDJT 11)

ANYONE who recalls the fruitless arches to find the new Beat, the new Dylan, or even the new Smiths, will hear alarm bells ringing on being introduced to Smashing Pumpkins the new Nirvana. Even the unofficial tag is not entirely unhelpful, giving a rough idea of what to expect from the Chicago group's impressive second album: basally, loud guitars, good tunes and a ton of disaffectedattitude.

But while the galloping drum/guitar motif of "Geek USA" and the pummelling riff of "Quietbonform to a familiar patter other tracks, such as "Soma" and "Spaceboy", move indreamier realms. Even when playing at full-tilt, Smashing Pumpkins inject a surreal, otherworldly quality to their music.

Two tags in particular distinguish *Siamese Dream* from albums by Pearl Jam, Alice In Gins, Stone Temple Pilots or any number of other American bands with barmy names that have sailed up the charts in Nirvana's slipstream. One is the scrupulously clean sound of the guitars – heavy certainly, but layered in huge banks and then washed by phasing effects, rather than shrouded in the grime of distortion. The other is the soft, almost gentle touch of Billy Corgan's singing, a stark and unusual contrast to the bullhorn techniques favoured by most other vocalists in the genre.

Produced by Butch Vig (producer of Nirvana's *Nevermind*), *Siamese Dream* is a rare combination of muscle and beauty, thrills and melancholia, an album destined for great things whether or not Smashing Pumpkins turn out to be the new anything.



Smashing Pumpkins: (from left) Billy Corgan, James Iha, D'Arcy, Jimmy Chamberlain

MATTHEW SWEET
Altered Beast
(Zoo 72445 11050 2)

MATTHEW Sweet comes from Lincoln, Nebraska. *Altered Beast* is his fourth album and follows last year's *Girlfriend*, a breakthrough of sorts, albeit one which was more widely lauded than purchased.

A difficult customer to locate stylistically, Sweet used to play guitar in cult bands Oh-OK, Buzz Of Delight, and the Golden Palominos. Although clearly an accomplished musician and songwriter, he seems to have emerged from these experiences bearing no recognisable traits as either a singer or a guitarist.

Nor does he pin himself down by his choice of backing musicians. These include guitarists Robert Quine and Ivan Julian – both graduates of the Voidoids, Richard Hell's prototype American punk group – and drummer Mick Fleetwood of MOR dinosaurs Fleetwood Mac. The result of all this professional open-mindedness is a curiously personality-free album, requiring each song to be judged on its individual merits.

Happily skipping from the garageband grunge of "Dinosaur Act" to the harmony chorus and jangly chords of "Devil With The Green Eyes", Sweet romps convincingly through the acoustic roots-pop of "Someone To Pull The Trigger" and strays rather more self-consciously into Lenny Kravitz retro-rock territory on "Knowing People".

It is a bit like musical blotting paper and, while all musicians mop up ideas and inspiration from all sorts of places, there is a nagging suspicion that Sweet's album may add up to little more than the sum of his record collection.

BJÖRK
Debut
(One Little Indian TPLP31)

AS SINGER with the left-field Icelandic group the Sugarcubes, Björk Gudmundsdottir became known for her scat-like vocal style and mercurial personality. But she was part of an unpredictable band that habitually sheltered under the umbrella of the collective songwriting credit, and it was always hard to imagine where she might end up given a free rein. In some ways the unorthodox jumble of ideas that constitute *Debut*, her solo debut, leave us wondering still.

Clearly she has moved away from the spiky, squawky indie-pop of the Sugarcubes to the more urbane sounds of a dancefloor located somewhere in her mind's eye, adapting her fluttering vocal style and eccentric choice of harmonic intervals to everything from modern house rhythms to the outer reaches of jazz and funk.

Produced by Nellee Hooper, of Soul II Soul fame, the album starts with "Human Behaviour", a brilliantly moody piece which uses a roughly sketched rhythm and chord sequence lifted from Bob and Earl's "Harlem Shuffle" as a springboard for all sorts of unlikely departures.

Another high point is the pneumatic disco groove of "There's More To Life Than This", supposedly recorded in London's Milk Bar lavatory, where the slamming of a cubicle door mutes the backing track halfway through, while Björk fantasises about nicking a boat and sneaking off to a desert island.

But there are some indigestible lumps too, notably the off-colour torch song, "Like Someone In Love", arranged for voice, harp and surf noises, or the awkward chamber-pop of "The Anchor Song", featuring Björk and brass section, warbling away in different directions.

Always startling and sometimes seductive, *Debut* is a promising first step in a mysterious direction.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Zooropa	U2	(Island)
2	Promises and Lies	UB40	(DEP International)
3	Emergency on Planet Earth	Jamiroquai	(Orenda)
4	Pocket Full of Kryptonite	Spin Doctors	(Epic)
5	Unplugged . . . and Seated	Rod Stewart	(Warner Bros)
6	Debut	Björk	(One Little Indian)
7	Automatic for the People	R.E.M.	(Warner Bros)
8	Always	Michael Ball	(PolyGram TV)
9	Back to Broadway	Barbra Streisand	(Columbia)
10	Ten Summoner's Tales	Sting	(A&M)

Compiled by MRIB

NOW BOOKING: Tickets for *Madonna*'s extra show at Wembley Stadium (September 26) go on sale at 9am today. General admission £22.50 (subject to booking fee) on 081-900 1234; reserved seating £27.50 (ditto) on 081-982 6699. Her single "Rain" is in the shops on Monday.

TELEVISION: *No Stilettos* (BBC2, Thursday, 11.15pm). First of a five-part series hosted by Eddi Reader. Lemonheads, Aztec Camera and BMX

SEVEN DAYS

WHAT'S OUT & ABOUT

Bandits perform in a disused Glasgow church, along with Reader's group, the Patron Saints Of Imperfection. *Hypnosis* (C4, Sunday, 5.30pm). The dance scene gets its own magazine series. First show has an interview with rapper Ice-T.
Later With Jools Holland (BBC2, tonight, 11.15pm). Last of the current series

features Al Green, Richard Thompson and the astounding blues/slide guitarist Rainer.

SINGLES: Paw: "Couldn't Know" (A&M). Torrential guitar sound and heavy vocal bark from Kansas-based "melodic hardcore" band.
R.E.M.: "Nightswimming" (Warner Bros. W 0184). Rippling piano and gently flowing strings shore up an emotive performance from singer Michael Stipe.

FREE: 12 BUSINESS BOOKS

WE WIT TO SEND YOU FREE OF CHARGE 12 BUSINESS BOOKS LEASED ON AUDIO TAPE REVIEWS OVER THE NEXT 3 MITHS WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS (WORTH £46.25)

BOOK-Tuneips you • TO GET A RAISE • TO LEAD STAFF EFFECTIVELY, • INCREAPRODUCTIVITY OVERNIGHT • LEARN TAX SECRETS • TRAVEL SECRETS OAMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY • NEGOTIATE POWERFULLY • MARKETI SECRETS • MANAGEMENT SECRETS • HIRE STI SUCCESSFULLY • FIRE STAFF PAINLESSLY • HOW TO WORK A 4-HOUR DAY • HOW TO STAY HEALTHY EN IF YOU ARE LAZY)

It has held thousands of business people all over the world including ICI, Nat West, ISM, etc. etc.

Try it wiour compliments for the next 3 months, no obligen, no charge, whether you are a chairman or semployed plumber, it WILL work for you in a hdred ways. We could not make an offer likeis unless we were so confident.

BOOKTA WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

TRY IT FREE
TREE MONTHS TRIAL WORTH £46.25

YES, send FREE 3 months trial (worth £46.25)
NAME
ADDRESS
POST CODE
BOOK-TA Mail to BOOKTALK Free offer, PO Box 17, Harold [illegible] Tel (0708) 378600 3/93/5

THE TIMES
READER OFFER
BOLENS 20" MULCHING MOWER

You will never need to rake or collect lawn clippings again when you buy our Bolens Mulching Mower. You will be able to mow up to 40% faster, and you do not have to rake up and compost the clippings or take them to the dump.

Ordinary mowers leave heavy clumps of cuttings which can smother and kill grass unless you collect them. The Bolens Mulching Mower has a multi-pitch blade and deep-dish deck which creates a special suction that holds the grass upright then neatly trims it off.

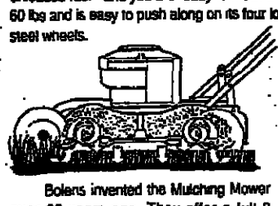
Once cut, the clippings remain in the mowing chamber to be cut into finer and finer particles. When they are small enough, they are blown back down onto the lawn surface. These clippings are small enough to decompose quickly, so reducing feeding and watering needs.

The Bolens 20" Mulching Mower has a powerful 4HP Briggs and Stratton 4 stroke petrol engine, a cutting height fully adjustable between 1"-3" and full instructions for assembly and use. All you will need is petrol and oil - it runs on unleaded fuel - and you are ready to mow. It weighs only 60 lbs and is easy to push along on its four longlasting steel wheels.

£365 including delivery
UK mainland only

3 YEAR GUARANTEE!





Bolens invented the Mulching Mower over 30 years ago. They offer a full 3 YEAR GUARANTEE in addition to your Statutory Rights, so make your life easier this summer by buying our Bolens Mulching Mower and have a more beautiful, healthier lawn as well.

PHONE DIRECT
0592-631111
for enquires and telephone orders, OR fill in coupon quoting your Access/Visa number, or send with crossed cheque or postal orders. NO CASH please to: THE TIMES BOLENS 20" MULCHING MOWER OFFER, P.O. BOX 25, GLENROTHES, FIFE KY6 2SX.
We deliver to addresses in the UK only. Please allow 28 days for delivery from receipt of order. Offer subject to availability.

Please send me:	Qty	Price	Total
Bolens 20" mulching mower			

Please indicate in box quantity required

I enclose my cheque (address on back) made payable to:

THE TIMES BOLENS 20" MULCHING MOWER OFFER

Value..... Cheque No.....

Or debit my Access/Visa card number below:

Expiry date..... Signature.....

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode..... ☎

Orders to: The Times Bolens 20" Mulching Mower Offer, P.O. Box 25, Glenrothes, Fife KY6 2SX.

☐ Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive further offers from The Times or from companies approved by The Times

Registered offices Times Newspapers Ltd, PO Box 485, Virginia Street, London E1 9XY Registered No 894646 England. FEA101

ALFA ROMEO

75 2.0 Twin Spark, 1990. Silver, all extras. Immaculate, lady owner. New MOT. FSH £4,950 081 878 5183 (SW13)

AUDI AUTHORISED DEALERS

FOR the complete Audi range 80. coupe. 100. Estates. Cabriolet ring now 0386 870612 T

AUDI

AUDI L REG. DOVER COURT BATTERSEA Do you have a problem sourcing your new car? We have one of the largest stocks of new VW's in the country. All models/colours/options available for L reg's. Call our new Car sales hotline on 071 924 5544

CABRIOLET 92J Man. forest green metallic, ecru satin int. 18k £15,750 Tel. 0989 66072

Sytner AUDI PRICED TO SELL

K reg S2 Yellow/Jacquard cloth, Air cond, ESR, Cruise ___21T £22,750
Dec 92 Indigo Pearl/Grey Cloth, Air Cond, ESR, Alarm ___11T £24,000
91H Quattro 20V Coupe Tornado Red/Grey Cloth, ESR ___27T £13,000
89F Quattro Coupe Tornado Red/Grey Cloth ___54T £9,750
92J 100 2.8E Auto Brill Black/Black Velour, 15spk alloys ESR16T £15,250

0602 241144
SUNDAY 10-3

BMW AUTHORISED DEALERS

92 J 525 SE 4WD Touring. Laser Blue, Grey Cloth. 12,000 miles. £23,950 081 995 1683 MLG

740i Auto. 1993 K. glacier/ blue leather. PDC. double glazing. soft close boot. CD. £36,995. 0604 232000 eve 0850 407017

MLG of Chiswick

93K 740iA Granite 4T ___£39,950
89F 735iA SE Bronze 40T ___£16,950
91H 325i SE Sterling 29T ___£16,950
91H 320iA SE Sterling 22T ___£16,950
93K 318i SE Granite 4T ___£18,450
93K 318iA Mauritius 5T ___£16,950
91J 318iA Kasmir 17T ___£15,450
93K 320iA SE Laguna 4T ___£19,950
91H 318i Mauritius 18T ___£13,950
91J 318i Conv Calypso 21T ___£16,950
92K 316i Black 12T ___£14,950
92J 316 Black 27T ___£13,950
93K 530iA Touring Island 6T ___£32,950
93K 525iA SE Touring Calypso 4T ___£25,950
92J 525 SE 4WD Touring Laser 12T £23,950
92K 520i Touring Brilliant Red 11T £18,950
89F 325i Touring Brilliant Red 51T £10,450
92J 316i Touring Brilliant Red 11T £13,950
89G 325i 4dr Bronze 31T ___£9,950
89F 316i 4dr Zinnober 36T ___£7,950
90G 316i 2dr Black 34T ___£8,450
89G 316iA 2dr Calypso 32T ___£8,950
SUNDAY 0836 224441
081 995 1683

Sytner ALPINA

91J B12 Coupe Auto 174mph ___6T £POA
92K 850i Manual ___19T £48,500
92K 740i V8 Auto ___10T £35,000
91J 735i SE Auto ___25T £25,500
91S 735i SE Auto ___31T £22,000
88F 735i SE Auto ___57T £13,000
92J 730i Auto Lthr ___18T £22,000
90G 730i SE Auto Air Con 53T £14,500
92K M5 ___16T £38,000
90H M5 ___14T £29,000
90G M5 ___29T £25,000
93K 540i V8 Auto Lthr A/C 5T £38,750
88F B10 SE Auto Lthr A/C 41T £18,500
90G 535i SE Auto ___37T £15,250
89F 535i SE Lthr A/C ___61T £13,000
88E 530i SE Auto Lthr ___73T £9,250
91J 525i SE ___4T £21,500
91H 520i SE 24V ___16T £15,500
90H 520i SE Ult Spec ___41T £15,000
89G 520i Auto ___58T £11,000
92K B6 2.8 Auto ___12T £P.O.A
93K B2.5 4 Dr A/C ___1T £28,500
92J 325i SE Auto Lthr A/C 11T £21,500
92K 325i 4 Dr SE ___20T £19,500
91H 320i 4 Dr SE ___38T £14,000
92J 318iS Coupe ___14T £17,750
93K 318i 4 Dr SE ___1T £17,500
93K 318i 4 Dr ___3T £16,500
91H 318i 4 Dr ___37T £12,850
91J 318i 4 Dr ___19T £13,950
91J Z1 ___7T £28,000
89F 325i Trg ___56T £10,000
91J 325i 2 Dr SE ___16T £12,850
90H 325i 4Dr SE Auto ___32T £12,500
90G 325i Sport ___33T £12,750
88E 325i 2 Dr SE Auto ___29T £9,250
88F 325i 2 Dr ___58T £8,500
89G 325i Trg Auto ___31T £12,000
91H 320i 2 Dr ___27T £11,500
88E 320i 2 Dr ___39T £8,000
93K 318 Conv Lux Lthr ___2T £28,000
89F 318i 4 Dr Auto ___28T £9,000
90G 318iS 16V ___79T £8,750
88E 318i 4 Dr ___47T £7,500
90G 318i 2 Dr ___22T £9,500
88E 316 2 Dr ___20T £6,000

0602 241144
SUN 10-3

BMW

316i 2dr 90 G reg. alpine white. 41K. FSH. C/L. EW. PAS. stereo. BMW alarm. Immac. £7,850 ono 081 942 3101

318i Lux Convertible (93K) White/Blue Leather. Elec Hood X Spokes Sold out new. 2,000 miles. £20,000 Sytner 0602 241144

BMW AUTHORISED DEALERS

Richard Cound BMW in Gloucestershire

316/4, 93K, Calypso 4k ___POA
318/4, 92K, Brilliant 7k ___£15,995
318/4, 93K, Brilliant 8k ___£15,995
316S, 93K, Red 4k ___POA
320/4ASE, 87D Diamond 59k ___£6,495
320i Conv, 92K, Mauritius 7k ___£22,995
325i Touring, 90G, Alpine 44k ___£12,495
325i/2, 91J, Red 12k ___£12,995
325iA Cpe 93K Mauritius 4k ___£POA
520i, 93K, Brilliant 5k ___£18,995
525iSE Touring 93K Island 4k ___£26,995
525i XATSE, 93K, Alpine 4k ___£29,995
530iA, 93K, Sterling 5k ___POA
635 CSiA, 87D, Lachs 70k ___£10,995
735iASE, 89F, Lachs 57k ___£13,995
730i V8, 93K, Granite 3k ___POA
740i V8, 93K, Calypso 3k ___POA

(0452) 523456

BMW

318i 88 F met blue, 73K FSH, manual, s/r, radio/cass, alarm £4,750 0932 844 035

320i G reg (89), Auto, power steering, sunroof, 27,000 miles only. excellent condition £7,350 for quick sale 071-351 1790 Office hours only.

320i Convertible (91 J). met Grey, leather, elec hood, alloy wheels, alarm, 17,000 miles, £17,500. Tel 081 941 2761

320i SE Touring. white. 89F. 57K. FSH. SR. EW. alloys. stereo. manual. excellent example £9,250. Tel: 0392 832087

320i Conv. Auto 91H. Metallic Lagoon green. Many extras. FSH. 28,000 miles. Immac. Private sale. £15,500 ono. Tel: 081 429 4875

325i SE SW. GRbox. E reg FSH 2 owners Black 31Kmls ESR/W. PAS. RC alarm. Alloys. Blaupunkt stereo. MOT & tax £5,950 ono 071-262 0445

325i Convertible, 91 (H). 25,000 miles. Silver/Balack leather. power hood. FSH. £16,995. 0962 733097 or 0831 340022.

520i 88 F red. manual. e/w. s/r. ps. rr. cl. FSH. 38K £8,500 081 343 4616(h) 081 458 9134(o)

525i SE Auto. J. air con. brilliant red. FSH. lumbar. BMW warranty and alarm. 1 owner immaculate. £16,995 Tel: 0222 830780

535i Sport. 5 speed. 1989. lachs silver. black leather. full sport spec. 48,000 miles. new tyres. BMW serv history. ex cond. private sale. £11,780 0265 880029/676848

730iASE May 89. Black. grey cloth. 1 owner. FSH. 126k mls. £7,995 0742 309044 anytime.

325 COUPE in white
1992 on K reg. Air cond. Leather. CD player. 15" 5 spoke wheels. 4 speed Auto. Full walnut dash & door coppings. 1 lady owner. Absolutely superb. 10,000 miles.
£23,500.
Tel: 0277 823953

STU 1
Substantial offers over £30,000.
Please Reply to Box No 3095

BMW WANTED

3/5/7/8 All late low mileage models urgently wanted by Prophets BMW 0374 228635.T

87 - 93 Premium Prices paid for all low mileage BMW'S Molevalley Motor Group 0372 749090 or 0831 406172

ALL BMW models Urgently Required. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars. Tel 0850 498660/ 0734 835813.1

BMW BUYER All models considered. High or low mileage 0850 231177/ 0860 627694 t

BMW WANTED
325, 520, 535, M5, 730/735 and 850.
'The best buyers - Nationwide.'
Sytner 0602 582831

BOATING & YACHTING

ZODIAC
Inflatable GT9 with 25 hp Mercury outboard.
£1,975
Tel: 0483 200349.

Exceptional Condition FAIRLINE MIRAGE 29FT
1984, only 450 hours, twin volvo petrol. £25,000 quick sale. Consider part exchange 36ft boat.
Tel 0603 258055/259813

CLASSIC
21m motor yacht, lying Majorca. 4 air con cabins with 9 berths. Superb. £229k.
Would accept UK property in Part Ex.
0794 884567
Fax 0794 884616.

23 METER
Motor cruiser yatch for charter in Majorca, Palmer. Sleeps 10 + 3 crew. Avail Aug.
£6,000 PW.
Phone for details:
071 610 3369

VIKING
50ft T.S.M.Y. 1991, eight berth.
£385,000 or P/ex Searay 500
Tel 010 3471 865839

SEA RAY
360 OV 1990 78 hrs. 2x 205HP Mercruisers E.Anchor winch Shore Power Fridge Cooker, 3 x Batts E.Engine hatch Blue & White Sparkling Cond £24,950
081 202 5493, 0923 721202

PRINCESS 415
1991 Model. 2 x Volvo 71B. 180 hours. £15,000 extras. Berthed Costa Del Sol. Private sale. £125,000. Tax paid.
Details: 0492 517970

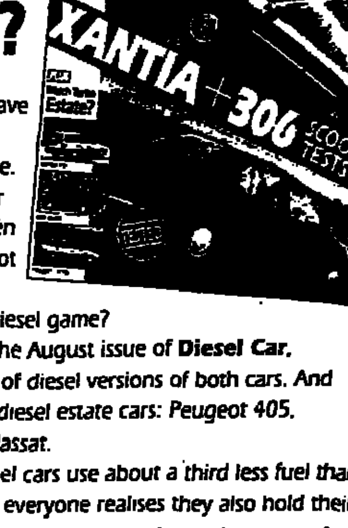
WESTERLY MERLIN 28'
B/K, spineker, autohelm, satnav, huge inventory, immaculate. £27K for quick sale.
Tel 0222 861333 evenings/weekends

BAYLINER CIERA
31ft L.O.A. Mercruiser 260 HP. Shore power, fridge, cooker, hot water, lying York £21,950.
0482 861484
0482 863350

SUNSEEKER Portfino XPS 34
Sports cruiser, reg 1990, rare twin volvo, 200 HP diesel engines. 147 hours use. berthed Altea Spain £55,000. Or exchange for Villa or nice car.
0434 609868 (sun)
0434 633488. (wk).

DIESEL MOTORING

NEW DIESEL CHAMPIONS?



For years Citroën and Peugeot have sold more diesel cars to private buyers in Britain than anyone else. Now both companies have major new models, the mid-sized Citroën Xantia and lower-medium Peugeot 306. Are they good enough to keep their makers ahead in the diesel game?

You'll discover the answer in the August issue of **Diesel Car**, because we're first with full tests of diesel versions of both cars. And there are tests too of three turbodiesel estate cars: Peugeot 405, Vauxhall Astra and Volkswagen Passat.

Most drivers already know diesel cars use about a third less fuel than equivalent petrol models. But not everyone realises they also hold their value far better. Or that they're less damaging to the environment. And as this month's tests show, the best of them are smooth, quiet and anything but sluggish.

More people than ever before are choosing to drive diesel. You'll find out why if you read **Diesel Car**, the independent magazine for thinking drivers. Why not pick up a copy and discover a better way of motoring?

We'll happily mail a current issue post free by return. Just send a cheque/PO for £2.00 (payable to Merricks Publishing Ltd) to: Diesel Car 4 Wessex Buildings, Bancombe Rd, Somerton TA11 6SB

THE MAGAZINE FOR THINKING DRIVERS

CLASSIC CARS

AUSTIN HEALEY 100/6. 1958 white. RHD. W/W. t.&c. £12,000 071 828 2032 (eves)

DAIMLER D6 Coupe 1977. FSH. original purchase invoice, all MOT's, totally restored, 61k. £9,950. Would swap for 88 Range Rover Auto or take in part X mid 80s 3.4 Manual XJ6. Tel 0748 835311.

FIAT Dino Coupe K Reg. red. Anzo Ferrari & Sun Dino creation of 2.4 V6 engine, styled by Bertone, alloys, wood steering, drives beautifully. Taxed & Mot. This car is in excellent cond £10,950. 0272 467857

JAGUAR XK140 C type roadster 1955 full restoration by Ragner chassis no S811683 Tel 010 3531 2841907 / 6604879(o)

KARMAN GIA BEETLE Al reg. white with black hood & interior. recent refurb., reliable. RHD, lovely condition. £7,000 ONO. Tel: 0704 578062.

MASERATI Ghibli. 68. Blue. Magnolia Lthr. Borrani wires. 13k mls. £26,000 Exchanges considered 0494 721707

MGB Roadster. 1971. white. restored. over drive. leather seats. £6,400 081 989 4120

MORGAN + 4 1992 (J). 4,000 miles. porsche red. tan leather. brown mohair hood. w/nut dash. wire wheels. door locks. spots. Immaculate cond. £19,950. Tel:0925 763182 (h) 0942 727327 (w).

MORGAN 4/4 1981 (W). 1 owner. 26,000m. porsche red/black. back to metal respray. immac cond. must be seen. £11,500 Tel 0925 763182 (h) 0942 727327 (w).

VOLVO PI 1964 'The Saint's model'. Unfinished project. new body work. engine overhaul. 60% finished. move forces sale. £1,000 ovno. 0473 729510

WOLSELEY 1500 1967 Duo tone. immac cond. total mechanical overhaul. 1st owner 33 years. new tyres all round. taxed & tested till Dec 93. used daily. Would swap for XJ6 3.4 Manual. £2,750. 0748 835311

CITROËN

FREE diesel for 10,000 miles + free auto gear box on new Citroen XM turbo diesel estate cars; for details telephone 0733 341 628 Weekdays (9 - 5.30pm) or Sunday (12 noon - 3 pm)

Have fun moving people!
CX25ri
8-seater estate. C registration, automatic. electric blue. 2 sunroofs. Lovingly cared for by IAM owner. MOT taxed.
£4,000
Tel: 0503 262671.

FERRARI

348TS option. Deposit paid. Delivery imminent. Offers. Tel 0642 712110

DAYTONA 1972
Blue Chiaro, Blue Leather, 35,000 miles. A/C. 9 inch rear wheels, Documented history, Exceptional condition £95,000 Exchanges considered
0494 721707

FORD

XR3i Cabriolet Tennis. 89 G. all white. elec hood. windows. alloys. 50k. FSH. £5,999. Tel 0344 860499 T

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

93 (K). Nissan Patrol GR SLX. 5 door. petrol. demonstrator. 1,100 miles. bull bars. tow bar. alarm. £17,995. Barrett-Lee. Sudbury. Suffolk. 0371 820146 (Sundays). 0787 370774 Weekdays

1993 Mitsubishi Pajero (Shogun) SWB. RHD. 5 speed. 2.6 engine. AC. Cassette. Tilt. Power Steering. Personal import for Aug delivery (L reg). £16,995. 0374 268270 or 0480 470435

DISCOVERY TDI S 92J. Ionian Blue. all extras. ext. warr £17,995. Tel: 0860 389042

MITSUBISHI Shogun SWB 93 K. V6. Manual. 4K White. Heavy duty tow bar. Alarm Bullbar. Multi CD. Best offer over £18,000. Tel: 0836 381565.

NISSAN Terrano II for August delivery, list price, main dealer. Tel 0371 820146 (Sundays). 0787 370774 Weekdays

RANGE ROVER 1991 H Vogue EFI ardennes green auto. excellent condition. main dealer FSH. front/rear bullbars. air cond. 6 discs cd. vodaphone. 1 owner. cherished plate. FOS. £18,500 0799 86316

RANGE ROVER Vogue LSE. May 93. 800 miles. Mosswood. tan hide. as new. Private sale. £34,995 Tel 0276 858510

RANGE ROVER Vogue SE J reg. 15,000 miles Auto. Ardennes Green. Sorrell Leather. All luxury Extras. 1 owner. Pristine £25,950. 0543 578772

RANGE ROVER Vogue SE 3.9 auto. Aug 91 J. pristine cond. W/grey. lthr int. all lux & body extras. 14k mls. 1 owner non smoker £28,500. 071 352 1330

RANGE ROVER Vogue SE Wanted Under 30,000 mls. Tel: 0509 412911.

SHOGUN SWB TD 91 J. New shape Red/silver. Bull bar. Spots. 24 k. FSH. 15 months warranty. £15,500. No traders or canvassers. 0643 264902 day or 0843 419553 eves

WANTED Urgently: Discovery. Range Rover. Trooper. Shogun. & Land Cruiser. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars. Tel. 0850 498660/ 0734 835813.

HOWES
THE JEEP SPECIALISTS FOR OVER 20 YEARS
NOW IN STOCK
93 GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 5.2V8 and 4.0 6 CYL SPEC INCLUDES:- 4 SPEED DUAL RANGE AUTO FULL LEATHER, AIR COND DRIVERS AIR BAG ABS ALLOYS CRUISE ELECTRIC SEATS CD
ALSO:- 93 JEEP WRANGLER MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC 4.0 6 CYL AVAILABLE RHD AND LHD
TAX FREE EXPORT ENQUIRIES
WELCOME OPEN 7 DAYS EATON BRAY NR DUNSTABLE BEDFORDSHIRE
TEL 0525-220898
FAX 0525-221133

RANGE ROVER VOGUE SE
Air Suspension, 93' Model, 2500 Miles, Ardennes Green, Dark Saple Hide. Extras include, Bull Bars, Side Steps, Lamp Guards and Tow Bar.
As New £29,000 quick sale Tel 081 852 8383 (office) 0836 533833 Anytime. (Private Sale yet finance available).

HONDA

HONDA CRX
1990 G electric roof, white, alloys, ABS, stereo, 13,000 genuine miles, FSH, one lady owner
£7,500.
Tel: 0332 758 758 (work) 0332 281 821 (home).

JAGUAR & DAIMLER

DAIMLER Limousine (89G) Air It over Solent/Iris Leather. Fr & Rr Air Con. Elec dn. Extras. 4,000 miles £29 500 Sytner 0602 241144

SOVEREIGN 3.6 June '87. 59k mls. FJSH. arctic blue/doe skin new discs/pads/tyres all round. beautiful cond. 3 months warranty. £9,600. 0284 774466

SOVEREIGN 3.6 Auto. G reg 61,000 miles. Green. 2 owners £8,750 0525 872466 1

JAGUAR & DAIMLER

XJ6 4.0 1990 G Tungsten blue. navy leather seats 38k. FSH. £10,995. 0532 672316.

XJS 3.6 Auto. 1990H. silver. 22,000 miles £17,998. Kendrick Cars 0602 475544.

XJS 3.6. F reg Auto. in Pine met. cream hide. SR. A/C. alloys. alarm. FSH. £8,950 ono. 0376 812619/ 0860 354101

XJS Cab V12 Auto 85C 4 seats. 25K miles FSH Slate 1 owner. £13,750. 081 446 2812.

XJS Convertible. 89 F. Signal Red/Mag hide. 60K. twin h/lamps. extras. immac. £14,950. Tel 0277 220746 or 081 881 6589 work.

JAGUAR & DAIMLER WANTED

1987 - 1993 Premium Prices Paid for Low mileage Jaguars 081 394 1114 or 0831 406172 Molevalley Motor Group

ABSOLUTELY the keenest E-K Jaguar Buyer Call John Pennell at Just Jaguar 081 860 9761.

ALL JAGUAR Models Urgently Required. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars. Tel: 0850 498660/ 0734 835813.1

XJ6 3.2 Low mileage. Jade. Tel: 0222 398161 (work) 777168 (home).

Lancaster
The Ultimate Buyers of Jaguar & Daimler
0831 344705

LEXUS

COUPES Six models from £30,000 inc warr. RHD/ LHD Rare Imports 0734 713244

LS 400, 91J, 38,000 miles Washington cherry. £26,499. FSH. Tel 0483 254242 Grosvenor Garage Ltd. Guildford.

WANTED Privately LS 400. J reg. sensible price. Cash waiting. Tel 0273 833003.

MERCEDES

190 E H reg. Auto. 2 litre 49k. White. Sunroof. Electric windows. £12,500. 0222 398161 (work) 777168 (home)

300SL 1991 blue black. cross leather interior. rear seats. alloys. cruise. stereo. phone. FSH. as new. 38,000 miles. £39,000. Tel: 0929 44383

300D 91 White. blue cloth. Auto. full spec including AC. 1 owner. 97,000 miles. Lovely car. £16,495. Tel: 0742 307607

300SL 24v. 2,000 miles. 1993 K-reg. navy blue. 2 door. brand new and in excellent condition. £85,000. Tel: 071-586 7877

300CE Auto 89. silver. low mileage. FSH. sportline susp/n. 8 H alloys. A/C. ESR. ABS. W/W. arm/r. CD. mint. private £20,995. 0705 257231 - Clive. 0329 239671 (weekends).

300SL 1987. Auto. nautic blue. 57,000 mls. Hard/soft top. rear seats. FSH. excellent condition. £18,900. Tel. 0494-673998 Weekends or after 5pm.

300 SL. 1992. Arctic white. blue leather. A/C. Elec steering col. R/st. 8 hole alloys. Elec/sts. air bag. 1 owner. 6,000 miles FSH. £47,950. Tel: 0580 291848.1

300SE 1989 impala/ cream hide. e/seats. alloys. hld seats. cruise. r/cass. 1 onr. 15K mls. £19,950 0245 320 924 or 0850 840 077

300 SL. F reg. choice of 2. Nautic blue/ Almandine. both with cream hide. 35k FSH. £26,995. Kendrick Cars 0602 475544.

300SL 88F 61k mls white FSH recent tyres/exh/Service exc cond. £21,950. 081 886 1717

380 SL Auto. 1983. Red. genuine 31,000 mls only. excellent condition. £15,000. 0782 616628

420SE auto. E reg. Jan '88. pearl grey/lthr intr.. A/C. elec sunroof. elec. windows. PAS. alloys. FSH. cruise control. 49,000 mls. Pvte sale. professionally owned. £13,750. 0992 460461 (O) 081 440 5821 (H).

450SLC 1977 Met blue/cream leather interior. AC. ESR etc. In Stunning condition. 90,000 miles. £8,950. 071 383 7991

Your new Used Approved Mercedes-Benz Dealer for Cambridge and the Home Counties
Vardy Continental
Cambridge 0223 411511
(Mobile 0831 508185)

MERCEDES

420 SEL Auto, LHD. Feb 90. Nautic Blue/Blue leather, full spec inc cruise, air cond, Becker Mexico cass/radio, alloys, ETS, ESR, FSH, 1 owner, 39,000 miles, excellent cond. £21,000. Tel: 0223 402234 ask for Mrs Hart

560 SEL October 91. 36,000 miles, 1 owner only, full spec, must be viewed. £32,000. Tele 021 382 2800 weekdays.

600 SEL Auto Saloon. 1992K, blue black metallic, under 4000 recorded miles by 1 private owner, as new. £78,995. Tel: 0285 665799.1

SEL 6.9 Litre. 1979. Total spec. Total history. Give away £3,750 Details on 0256 389266

MERCEDES WANTED

ALL MERCEDES models Urgently Required. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars. Tel: 0850 498660/ 0734 835813.1

GLENN WILLIAMS is probably the best mercedes buyer in the U.K. Kindly contact Glenn at Mole Valley Motor Group 0372 749090 or 0831 406172 Eves.

Lancaster
The Ultimate Buyers of Mercedes-Benz
0860 308333 South
0831 344785 North

Carols & London Road Garages
All Models of Mercedes Benz Urgently Required. For Immediate Decision. Telephone Richard Bennett
0850 757915

NISSAN AUTHORISED DEALERS

100 NX Yellow, 92 H. 1 owner, 16k mls. £9,995 Contact Lex Nissan Hillingdon 0895 238997

SUNNY GTI 3 door. Black. 92 K, 1 owner. 13,500 miles, £10,495 Contact Lex Nissan Hillingdon 0895 238997 !

PORSCHE

911 C4 Coupe. 91H. Gds Red. Leather. (Linen colour, red piping). Sun roof Air conditioning, recoil bumpers, top screen blue tint. Sports steering wheel. Pirelli P700s, dust cover. 43K. 1 owner. £31,000. 0794 68400

911 Carrera Super Sport. Wide bodied version in white with black leather interior. C Reg 1985. 38,000 miles. FSH. absolutely immaculate in looks and performance. All electric. Multi play CD. price to sell at only £15,995. P/ex Porsche may be considered. Tel 0457 764969 after 6.30pm

911SC A reg. White. Full history last 6yrs. Serviced regardless of cost. £12,999. 071-284 3826.

928S 1983 black. 1 prev owner. 45,000 warranted miles. FSH. £8,950. Tel: 0728 78674 / 081 878 2272 / 071 491 4956.

928 S2 Auto. 83 P/P. met gold/ blue leather. air con etc. bargain £8,999. 0344 860499 T

944 S2. 1990H. Guards red. 27,000 miles FSH. £17,995. Kendrick Cars 0602 475544.

Sytner PORSCHE PRICED TO SELL
0602 241144
SUNDAY 10-3

PORSCHE 928 S4 COUPE
Complete to British specification, Cobalt blue metallic with light grey cobalt leather, K reg. Very low mileage. Porsche warranty.
£48,000.
Tel: Sarah 0932 242 600.

911 TURBO
1981, guards red with white leather, F.S.H., 85,000 miles, MOT one year, condition as new. Meticulously maintained irrespective of cost.
OIRO £15,000.
Tel: 0491 671 607 (w)
0491 671 487 (h).

MERCEDES AUTHORISED DEALERS

BRUNSWICK – CROYDON LIMITED –
SEE ANYTHING YOU LIKE?
(If not call for our complete list)
CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO CALL?
We will be pleased to bring any car to your home for a personal demonstration
OPEN SUNDAY BY APPOINTMENT
081 760 0210
MOBILE 0836 699475

PORSCHE

928 S4 Black. Ivory interior. April 89. 1 owner from new. 29,000. This car is immaculate and is fitted with special wide Sirosek Alloy Wheels. Sunroof. CD player. Private plate (19 GTC). £29,500 or will sell without plate. Contact Mr J Hurt office hours 0246 450608.

944 Turbo, black 91J. air con. manual trans. electric sun-roof. 35,000 miles. leather seats. £19,800 Tel: 0908 319921.

PORSCHE WANTED

911T CARRERA Targa sports or Targa wanted. 1988/89. guards red with good full history. Private buyer (061) 440 8027 (H) or 848 7137 (O).

PORSCHE WANTED
ALL MODELS - UNDER 30,000 miles
THE BEST BUYERS OF THE BEST CARS
SYTNER 0602 241144

PERFORMANCE CARS

ALL ASTON MARTIN/ Ferrari models Urgently Required. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars Tel: 0850 498660/ 0734 835813.1

ASTON MARTIN Virage (90H) Edinburgh Silver/Dark Red Leather. 12,000 miles. £60,000. Sytner 0602 241144.

ASTRA 16V GSi 2000. Polo white. 4,000 miles. 1993. £12,995. Tel: 0691 682 238. T

AUDI S2 at Sytner see Audi Selection

ESPACE RXE 2.8. China blue. 91 J. manual. twin sun-roof. 6 seats. ext. warranty until December. 50,000 miles. £14,500. Tel: 0908 319921.

HONDA NSX Auto (92H) Black/Black Leather. 4,000 miles. £44,750. Sytner 0602 241144.

LAMBORGHINI Countach 5000QV (87E) Red/White Leather. Amazing Alpine CD. Rear wing. 1 owner. Full Lamborghini history. 7,000 miles. £56,500. Sytner 0602 241144.

LAMBORGHINI Countach Anniversary. 89 G. 10k. Metallic Red. £59,995 0222 703016 !

LOTUS ELAN SE H reg. Red. 7,000 miles. full leather. Kenwood stereo. microwave alarm. FSH. 1 owner. £17,950. Ring: 081 200 5777 Ext. 201 Day or 0836 287996 mobile

LOTUS ESPRIT SE. 90 H. Blue/Blue hide. full SE spec. 23K. select H plate. Lotus warranty/ FSH. £21,960. Tel 0836 763863 or 071 323 1668.

LOTUS CARLTON (93K) Imperial Green/Black Leather. 3,000 miles. £34,000. Sytner 0602 241144.

MASERATI BI TURBO Coupe '87 42,000 mls red tan leather Remote alarm. FSH. Immac £8,950 ono 081 788 5118

MORGAN 4/4 4 seater. 1978. resprayed in Brunswick (BR) green and retrimmed in stone leather. Chrome W/W, stainless luggage rack and badge bar. Balanced and lightened engine. S/S performance exhaust. waxoyled, no wood rot. FSH. Drives well and looks good. £3,000 recent bills. £11,000 secures. Martin 081 874 0806. No canvassers.

NISSAN 300 ZX wanted upto 45,000 mls pref hide Molevalley 081 394 1114 T

RARE IMPORTS: Beat, Cappuccino, S.Cargo, AZ1, GTR, Vitara, Mira Turbo & many others. 0734 713244

TOYOTA Celica GT4, '91 J. met gray, A/C, ABS, CD, only 5,000 mls. £17,150. Showroom condition Tel: Marlborough (0672) 20338 (after 7PM Sunday).

TOYOTA MR2 T Bar. 2 litre GTi. 16 V. White, black leather interior. Genuine 5,030 miles. £13,250 ono. 0288 356062.

TOYOTA Celica GT4 (90H) White/Grey cloth. 21,000 miles. £13,500. Sytner 0602 241144.

TVR GRIFFITHS 4.3 big valve (approx 300 b.h.p.) 92K. Curaton green. full tan hide. Adjustable pedal box. Tints. Alarm. 3,500 miles. FSH. £29,000. Tel: 0936 410438

TVR Griffith 4.0. Nov '92. K. mica blue. tint h/hide. remote alarm. tints. 2,800 mls. £24,500. Tel: 0372 468967.

TVR wanted low mileage (pic K reg Griffith) Molevalley Motor Grp 081 394 1114 T

UNDER 3,800 miles. December 1990 H reg. Lotus Elan SE Turbo. Metallic Silver with leather Upholstery & Gemini Alarm. Always kept in garage collectors item. Serious offers invited. Tel 081 204 4261 daytime. 081 904 6669 eves

WANTED Urgently 300 ZX Top prices. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars. Tel: 0850 498660/ 0734 835813

XR3i Cabriolet. 90 H. genuine 16,000 mls. £6,900 Please Tel The Lord of the Manor, Bootle Cumbria on 0229 718 314.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

ALL 14 £3,000. Tel: 0483 210064 H / 0306 743339 Wk

5 CBY On Retention £1,500. Tel: Brighton 0273 493774

HD 103 £2,995. Tel: 081 559 8180 office

PERFORMANCE CARS

TVR CHIMAERA 4.3.
Startire micro blue. 3wks old. 1,800 miles. Air con, full custom magnolia leather interior piped blue. Heated seats. Lambswool rugs. Hood bag. Top top spec. Cost new £37,500.
Will accept £29,000 (no offers).
Tel: 0734 401 051 or 0734 401 341

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

CJG 6 £8,000 or near offer. Phone 0753 853800 (H) or 071 498 6777 (W).

1 CLD Best Offer over £6,600. Tel 0628 851327 or 0772 818015

123 ELB £3,000 ono. Private sale. Tel: 0483 275781

82 ELF Private sale. £2,500 o.n.o. Tel. 0279 771082

3 PE Best offer over £7,000 071 586 7511 x 376 or 0428 724192

RAG 145 On Morris Minor. V.G.C. £2,650. Tel: 0458 450897.

RHJ 123 £3,000 ONO Ring 0624 835975

6934 UE on '61 Morris 1000. £1,280. Tel: 0494 482 515

YYY 911T Offers over £1,000 0635 253217

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY AUTHORISED DEALERS

P & A WOOD offer Corniche convertible. October 1984. Royal Blue/Magnolia. 23,000 miles. FSH. £46,000. Tel 0371 870848. eve 0371 856636

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY

84 SPIRIT, C/P mcl. G/E. Mag/ L. Ptr. Etc. Only 45K mls. FSH. O/C. E4 SOBL £19,950 ono AP/XC. Tel 0670 814488 T

BENTLEY Turbo 1987 royal blue magnolia trim. cherished number. low miles. 89 face lift. £27,500 0384 873197

MULSANNE 1982. oyster. low mileage. immd. MOT. £13,500. Tel: 0543 480696.

SHADOW II 1980 Concours prepared by RREC member. 24k with FSH & documentation. Walnut over willow gold. Like new. £22,500. 0622 842250.

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY

TURBO R Bentley 1987 private plate; Seychelles blue with parchment hide. All usual refinements. RR compass incorporated into dashboard. RR reversing system. FSH. A fine impressive stately car at £27,950. Tel: 0242 226040 day or eves.

Jack Alpe
50/54 MARYLEBONE HIGH STREET LONDON W1
Silver Spirit 89 ... £28,500.
Bentley 8 ... vermilion/ parchment only 28,000 mls. ... £37,500.
Turbo R 87 ... only 46,000 mls. FSH. ... £34,500.
071 935 1124

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY WANTED

ALL ROLLS ROYCE & BENTLEY models. Urgently required. Instant decisions. finance settled. distance no object. Reg Vardy Specialist Cars. Tel: 0850 498660/ 0734 835813

SAAB

9000 CDi 2.3 (1991) Blue/Blue Cloth. 24,000 miles. £11,250. Sytner 0602 241144.

SAAB Convertible wanted urgently 0949 61289.

WANTED Saab 9000 S dr E to K to 45,000m Charles Eyston Molevalley 081 394 1114 (T)

VOLVO

480 TURBO Coupe. Cal. Auto. Aug 1990. 28k. 1 owner. grey metallic. ESR. EW. PAS. air cond. lifetime guarantee. £8,960. Tel: 0789 731051

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY WANTED

Michael Powles Limited
We are Britains boldest and best used Rolls-Royce and Bentley buyers. Please put us to the test. For an immediate cash offer. Please call Michael Powles today - tonight - anytime on 0476 860193 today or 0533 601111 weekdays.

VOLKSWAGEN

GOLF GTI	GOLF CONVERTIBL
91J 16V 5DR Oak Green, Pas, Sr, Ew, Cdl, Aw, 28k ___£10,495	93K RIVAGE Lthr, Green, Crm Hide, P/Hood, F... 4k £15,995
91J 16V 3DR Black, Pas, Sr Ew, Cdl, Aw, 15k ___£10,295	93J RIVAGE Lthr, Green, Crm Hide, P/Hd, Ew, 5k £13,695
93J 8V 5DR Tornado Red, Pas, Sr, Ew, Cdl, Aw, 11k ___£9,995	93K SPORTLINE Black, P/Hd, Recaros, Tints, 3k £12,795
90G 16V 5DR Royal Blue, Pas, Sr, Cdl, Aw, 22k ___£9,995	94J RIVAGE Lthr, Green, Crm Hide, P/Hd, Ac, 21k £12,495
91H 8V 3DR Bright Blue, Pas, Sr, Cdl, 11k ___£8,995	92K CLIPPER Black, P/Hood, Ew, Aw, Alarm, ___£11,995
91H 8V 5DR Royal Blue, Pas, Sr, Cdl, Stereo 27k ___£8,495	93J RIVAGE CLOTH Pearl Blue, P/Hood, Ew, 17k £11,895
90G 8V 5DR Metallic Black, Pas, Sr, Ew, Cdl, Aw, 21k ___£7,995	92K SPORTLINE Black, P/Hd, Recaros, Alarm, 6k £11,495
89G 16V 3DR Oak Green, Pas, Sr, Ew, Cdl, Aw 38k ___£7,995	90H CLIPPER Paprika, P/Hood, Ew, E/Aerial, ___£9,995
91H 8V 3DR Tornado Red, Pas, Sr, Cdl, Aw, 34k ___£7,995	90G GTI CAB Sapphire Blue, Grey Hood, Aw, S, 31k £8,195
91H 8V 3DR Tornado Red, Pas, Sr, Cdl, Aw, 34k ___£7,495	89F CLIPPER Auto, Yellow Blue, Grey Hood, S, 34k £7,495

SCOTTS
SLOANE SQUARE 214 Pavilion Road London SW1X 0AN 071 730 2131
VICTORIA 10 Greycoat Place London SW1P 1SB 071 233 3636
* STOCKWELL 189 Clapham Road London SW9 0QE 071 737 7133
* OPEN SUNDAYS 10am - 4pm

SAAB AUTHORISED DEALERS

SAAB

LONDON
Swedish Car Centre, Boston Road London W7 Tel: 081 567 7835/6521
92 (J) CDE 2.3 T, auto. 21K ___£19,950
92 (J) 9000CS LPT, Embassy, ESR ___£16,950
92 (K) CDE 2.0 Eco, Le Mans, 2,000m ___£16,950
92 (J) 900SE LPT, Le Mans Blue, 10K ___£14,950
91 (H) 9000CS, Le Mans Blue, 25K ___£11,950
91 (H) 9000S Aero, Black, ABS, 29K ___£11,450
89 (F) 900 T 16S, Odoardo/lthr, 43K ___£9,950
89 (F) 900 T 16V, auto, 5 door ___£8,950
89 (G) 9000S, ACC, ABS, 50K ___£8,950
89 (G) 9000S 16V, 3 dr, Odoardo, 29K ___£8,950
87 (E) 9000, auto, 5 dr, Malachite, 56K ___£6,950
JUST A SELECTION OF OUR STOCK

LEEDS
Robert Bowers Saab, Low Road Hunslet, Leeds. Tel: 0532 776891
OVER 30 USED SAABS TO CHOOSE FROM

CROYDON
Doves Saab, 1 Brighton Road South Croydon Tel: 081 686 3456
DESPERATELY SEEKING SAABS CALL GERRY TIERNEY

MANCHESTER
Manchester Saab Tel: 061 832 4546 24 hrs 0836 2216

SURREY
Bell & Colvill, Epsom Road, West Horsley Nr. Guildford. Tel: 0483 281000
JUST A SELECTION FROM OUR LARGE STOCK SUNDAY OPENING 11.00AM - 4.00PM

LONDON
AFN Chiswick, Chiswick Garage Great West Road W4
TEL: 081 742 7000/0836 6599
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

LONDON
Home Park Garage, Uxbridge Road Kingston-upon-Thames. Tel: 081 546 9516

BIRMINGHAM
Eachelhurst Saab
IF YOU DON'T ASK YOU PROBABLY WILL FIND THE MODEL YOU ARE LOOKING
TEL: 021 351 1027

THAMES VALLEY
Haymill Saab Beaconsfield Road, Farnham Common, Bucks
OVER 40 USED SAAB IN STOCK MON-SAT: 0753 645111

LONDON
Saab City, 60 The Highway London E1, Tel: 071 480 7540
TO VIEW OUR COMPREHENSIVE STOCK OF USED VEHICLES VISIT R
7 - 47 WEEKEND
17TH AND 18TH JULY
SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM
SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

CONTRACT HIRE



Available on selected Approved Used Saabs up to 2 years old. Ask you nearest Saab Dealer for details or call our Contract Hire Department on 0628 895704

SAAB APPROVED USED CARS

SAAB

WE BUY SAABS FOR CASH

Ace Kensington 071-938 4339
Sunday Tel No 071 351 875
SAAB for years

VOLKSWAGEN

CHEAPEST VW possible. The Volkswagen Show really do try harder 052036 anytime

VOLKSWAGEN EG. DOVER COURT BATTERSEA. Do you have a problem sourcing your new car? We have one of the largest stocks of new VW's in the country. All models/colours/options available for L reg's. Call our new Car sales hotline on 0724 5544.

ALL VW Range available. Polo. Passat. Golf. Caddy. Vento. Ring Now 03842626

We have the following cars in stock for quick delivery
Golf VR6 3 Door Man/Auto
Golf VR6 5 Door Man/Auto
Corrado
Corrado VR6 Leather
Golf Clipper Sport model
Golf Ryder models
Unbeatable deals on the entire VW range call a quote
Put us to the test
Free delivery Nationwide
081 900 0622
0836 7957
NORTH MAIN DEALER YEARS

SOUTH HEREFORD GARAGES LTD
OFFER NEW VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT L TURBO DIESEL IN A WIDE RANGE OF COLOURS.
SALOONS A11,995
ESTATES A12,995
CONTACT DAVE HOWES TO ARRANGE DEAL AND NATIONWIDE DELIVERY
TEL. 043252424
FAX. 043252043

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY AUTHORISED DEALERS

JACK BARCLAY LIMITED

FROM A SELECTION OF 32 MOTOR CARS WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING FOR RESALE:

1992 ROLLS-ROYCE SILVER SPUR IN BRESTER GREEN WITH ST JAMES RED HIDE. 21,000 MILES

1992 ROLLS-ROYCE CORNICHE IV IN MIDNIGHT BLUE WITH PARCHMENT HIDE. 11,000 MILES

1990 BENTLEY TURBO R IN COBALT WITH BEIGE HIDE. 25,000 MILES

1992 BENTLEY BROOKLANDS IN ROYAL BLUE WITH MAGNOLIA HIDE. 8,000 MILES

1992 BENTLEY EIGHT IN VERMILION WITH PARCHMENT HIDE. 6,000 MILES

1991 BENTLEY EIGHT IN VERMILION WITH PARCHMENT HIDE. 675 MILES

1991 BENTLEY EIGHT IN NORDIC BLUE WITH PARCHMENT HIDE. 15,000 MILES

BERKELEY SQUARE, LONDON W1X 6AE
TELEPHONE: 071-629 7444
WARRANTED

هكذا من الإصل

MOTORING

Rover's tale of remarkable revival





The Austin Allegro, above, was one of a string of cars, widely considered to be duds, from the BL days of Derek Robinson, Longbridge convener, centre. Now the company produces Europe-famed cars such as the Rover 620i, right

Once dogged by industrial trouble, Rover has updated its approach and developed a partnership. But where next for the car-maker Britons can again be proud of, **Kevin Eason** asks

To the Italian, it was the model that had the most chic on the streets of Florence. To a Briton, it is just another runabout. Discovering that Rover's little Metro is the car the fashionable city dwellers of Italy want to drive comes as a surprise to a British driver. But the view is changing fast and this week it was justified by some remarkable sales figures coming from Britain's only home-owned volume car manufacturer.

Rover, including the Land Rover subsidiary, is the only European volume car-maker increasing sales against a recessionary tide through all the world's big markets: its sales are up by 13 per cent in the first six months of the year. Sales in Britain are up 14 per cent, on the Continent by 5 per cent, in North America, Japan and the Far East by 54 per cent.

Put those figures to most people and they will say: "Is this true?" The disbelief is understandable given Rover's history. Can this be the company that brought us the appalling Austin Allegro, the Austin Princess, nicknamed the Sleeping Princess because it missed its delivery dates, the moribund Maxi and a host of other duds?

The answer is yes . . . and no. It is less than a decade since Rover was BL, the tattered rump of numerous mergers and demergers that turned into one of Britain's biggest industrial catastrophes. One after another, car companies with famous names such as Riley, Standard, Triumph, Austin, Morris, MG and even Jaguar were absorbed into the burgeoning Leyland empire to form British Leyland — a name synonymous with all the industrial evils of Britain in the sixties and seventies. The group was the world's second biggest car-maker — that is, when the factories were working and not stopped by industrial disputes.

Debts were on such a scale by 1975 that the government turned the beleaguered business into a state-owned conglomerate to save it from bankruptcy. That failed to solve the problems as BL became better known for its strikes than its cars, and the name of Red Robbo — Derek Robinson, the communist convener at the Longbridge plant in Birmingham — as famous then as Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, is now. Nearly £2.8 billion of taxpayers' money was poured into the business and by the time Mrs Thatcher's government took power in 1979, BL and some of its most famous names seemed to be doomed.

Sir Michael Edwardes changed that when he took over as chairman, slashed the workforce, stood up to the unions and started BL towards what has become its most significant pact by entering a partnership agreement with Honda. The first fruit of that deal was the Triumph Acclaim, no mover and shaker in the motoring world but sporting one radical new feature: reliability.

The excesses of the seventies had been a shock to the system and BL started a process of reorganisation that amounted to a culture change. Sir Graham Day, appointed chairman in 1986, threw out Austin, the last of the old motoring names, to concentrate on Rover, a badge that would come to be recognised as being attached to a high-quality car. In the factories, Rover built a relationship with Honda to move towards Japanese work practices at a time when the rest of British industry was only talking about such ideas.

Now the company has one of the most revolutionary employee relations deals in industry, two of Europe's most efficient factories and has produced 30 new models in four years, culminating in the new 600 series saloons. Buyers in the UK and abroad bracket Rover with Mercedes-Benz and BMW when they discuss their choice of new car.

On the Continent, sales are roaring ahead despite a deep recession there. Rover is expanding its dealer network in Germany from 120 to 150 and looking for another 100 by next year.

The company has no need to worry about its image abroad because few people remember the connection between the Rover name and the disastrous BL.

Here, there has always been suspicion. Sir Graham once said that it took a day to lose the company's reputation but it would take ten years to win it back. The ten years are almost up and the transformation has been nothing less than remarkable.

The question is what does Rover do for its next trick? Its mainstream cars — the Rover 200/400, Rover 600 and Rover 800 — are all co-operative ventures with Honda. Put another way, they are Honda cars rebadged and re-engineered to become Rovers. Only about 15 per cent of the engineering hours for the 600 model came from Rover; the rest was from Honda, which markets the same platform and engines as the Accord, also built in Britain at Swindon, Wiltshire.

The Montego and Maestro models are being run out, leaving behind only the 34-year-old Mini and the Metro as all-Rover models, as well as the company's most successful products in their niche, the Land Rover Discovery and Range Rover.

The company may be making sales and money — but if it cannot do that now it never will, say the City analysts, with its new model line-up and exchange rates favouring British manufacturers.

The hard work has been done and the business could make as much as £100 million profit this year after two years running £100 million losses.

So can Rover make cars of its own and survive without Honda? British Aerospace, which bought Rover in 1988, is free from government rules to sell Rover from next month.

Once, there would have been a string of bidders, but European manufacturers are all strapped for cash and the Americans are far too pre-occupied with their own problems to worry about buying a relatively small car-maker.

Honda, which has 20 per cent of the business, seems uninterested in a full takeover. Rover could go it alone. Indeed, a management buy-out led by George Simpson, the present chairman, is widely tipped. However, a company that relies on the uncertain UK market for nearly 60 per cent of its sales and needs a foreign partner for much of its engineering does not have the most solid of foundations.

Rover will have to continue to increase sales abroad to reduce its dependence here so that the UK accounts for only about 30 per cent of its production in future. That may not be far away.

Then there is only the question of whether Rover can raise enough money to become a fully independent engineering business on its own, making all-Rover-engineered cars and not having to depend on Honda. Enthusiasts yearn for that day; drivers are more pragmatic. The important thing is that Rover lives up to its new billing for quality, reliability and now style. That way the bad old days of BL will be banished for ever.

Garages are gearing up for the midnight rush for new cars but smart buyers will be watching price trends in the second-hand market

Trooping the L-plates

On the scale of annual British traditions, the August registrations *hoo-ha ranks alongside* the Harrods sale and Trooping the Colour.

The once-a-year clamour for new cars is unique to Britain, probably because there is not a nation anywhere daft enough to try to cram 25 per cent of its annual sales into one month.

Yet *forecourts up and down* the UK will be heaving on August 1 with people driving away with their new cars — vehicles exactly the same as those on sale on July 31 except that they will sport an L-registration plate.

It is 30 years since the bright sparks of the licensing authorities thought up the idea of a year identifier on the numberplate and car-makers and dealers alike have moaned about the scheme ever since.

They moaned when the year identifier changed from January, then they moaned when it was moved to August, and they complained after it became "too successful" and they had to work their socks off to cope with the rush.

They have even tried to have the year letter identifier removed to smooth sales throughout the year. Then they moaned that the Home Office would not let the scheme drop quietly away.

But all that was when times were good and sales could be whistled up from a passing mug desperate to hand over hard-earned money on any street-corner car lot. You would be hard-pressed to find a single person in the motor industry to decry the August changeover now.

Garages which have suffered three years of recession are ready to enjoy any boom they can get . . . even if it does only last four weeks.

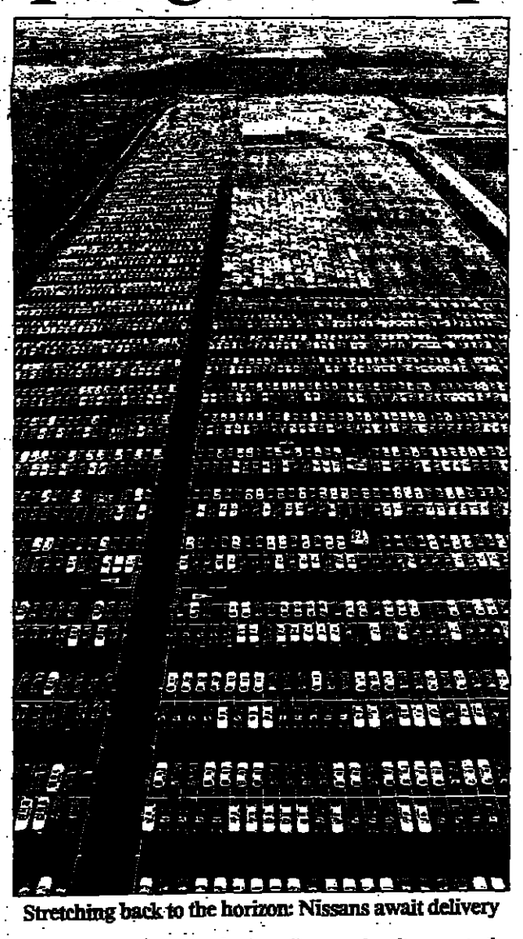
Sales went from a record high of 500,000 cars in August, 1989, to 367,000 two years later, the lowest figure since 1984. Last year, only 6,000 sales were added to the 1991 total.

To lose 129,000 sales from the 1989 peak means about £1.1 billion worth of potential business has been wiped from the 1992 order books for just one month of the year.

No wonder then that dealers and manufacturers have perked up with the prospect of this August providing the industry with its fifth highest one-month sale on record at about 400,000 new cars.

That is not only the sort of number to put a smile on their faces but will provide a significant economic indicator for Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, looking for facts and figures to prove the economy is turning for the better.

At last, the private buyer seems to be back in numbers.



Stretching back to the horizon: Nissans await delivery

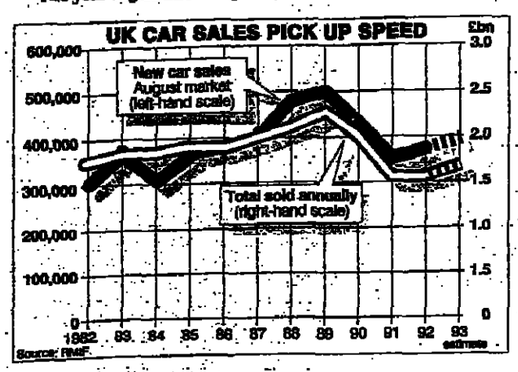
But companies, too, are relaxing their once-tight purse strings. As soon as the recession hit, companies lengthened the replacement cycle of their cars from two to three years to as long as five or six years.

That means many company cars are close to the end of the road and ready for replacement. Neil Marshall, chief economist at the Retail Motor Industry Federation, says most have been holding off for August simply because cars bought with the L-registration will have higher residual values.

"The year registration helps sell a car when it comes to the crunch," he says. "It may be exactly the same model as a car bought in July, but the year identifier adds value on the second-hand forecourt."

For those waiting for their L-plate cars, there is the benefit of knowing they are doing probably the best deal at the best prices known in the motor industry.

Prices are low in real terms and companies are still cutting to attract business. Only this week, Volkswagen knocked an average 8.7 per cent — between £1,000 and £1,600 — off the sticker prices of its Vento saloons.



Volkswagen is not the first as almost every company has either cut prices or held price rises down, particularly foreign makers, even though they have been hard-hit by currency fluctuations against them of up to 15 per cent.

Even the European Commission — a long-time critic of pricing policies in the UK — recognises that prices here are now among the lowest in Europe.

At the same time, buyers are offered a package of benefits as long as the Maastricht Treaty, from cheap finance now to a "sale or return" guarantee from Ford, Rover and Vauxhall. If you do not like the car in 30 days, simply take it back, or, in Rover's case, get your money.

Those schemes must be helping to boost the car market and could give a significant lift to August sales.

Yet August did not always provide the peak in sales that it does nowadays. The year identifier was designed in 1963 to help with the introduction of MoT tests and the change was then in January.

However, garages complained that the surge in sales came immediately after the Christmas holiday and did little to help the autumn and winter months when sales were traditionally slow.

In 1967, the year identifier was changed to August. Suddenly, the scramble for the new plates grew remarkably, jumping from just 7.9 per cent of annual sales in that year to more than 23 per cent last year. It could be as high as 25 per cent this year.

The government — under pressure from the manufacturers which have to speed up production lines to build up stock before the July factory holidays — contemplated scrapping the system. But the police objected.

Their case was simple: after an accident, drivers and pedestrians always seem able to remember the year identifier — even if they cannot remember the entire numberplate.

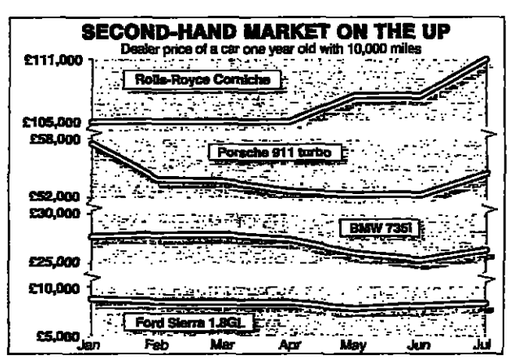
Now August is a regular feature of the social calendar and showrooms will be working day and night for the next two weeks to be ready to line up cars on their forecourts on the evening of July 31 ready for the midnight drive away.

The event will force drive staff to work 18 hour days, car factories to work flat-out to build up stock and cause a splurge of paperwork at the licensing authorities . . . all for an L-plate.

It may be unique and thoroughly barmy . . . but it is British.

KEVIN EASON

Buy now or risk missing the boat



Motorists in the market for a second-hand car should buy now . . . or risk missing the boat, with prices of some popular models rising rapidly.

A freak combination of economic factors plus supply and demand have seen values for good condition, low mileage cars between one and three years old defying pricing gravity.

The result has been that ordinary family runabouts, diesel-engined company cars and executive saloons have taken on the kind of appreciating values normally associated with automobile exotica favoured by speculators.

The only thing that could save second-hand buyers from having to pay more would be a boom month for the car-makers in August. If sales of new cars top the 400,000 mark, that will release a flood of part-exchanged cars onto the market, probably driving down prices of used models.

But buyers should not hold their breath because some cars have been getting dearer in the past few weeks. Even a humble Ford Sierra 1.8GL is now selling at about £8,295 after fetching only £7,995 in May when prices of all models seemed to take a sudden dip.

Confidence is even returning at the exotic end of the market. Anyone casting the net for a year-old Rolls-Royce Corniche would today have to pay about £111,000 — £6,000 more than it was worth in April. A Porsche 911 Turbo worth £54,000 in February would now cost £500 more.

Andrew Wilkinson, senior editor for CAP Nationwide, the motor analysis, says: "The advice at the moment has got to be that if you find what you want, buy it.

"If you come across the blue Vauxhall Cavalier you have always wanted, go for it because in a few weeks time it will either have been sold or could cost you more."

> 'If you find what you want, buy it'

It is, Mr Wilkinson says, harder to find a bargain now because "1993 so far has been a year of strong residuals and the immediate prospect is for more of the same".

Cars such as Sierra and Cavalier saloons are "making very strong money at all mileages", says CAP's Black Book analysis.

Executive and high performance models, "hot hatches" — in spite of rising insurance premiums — and diesel engined cars are not only holding prices but starting to rise.

However, the recession is two-edged, making used cars harder to find, says Arnie Fenn, chief car editor of *Glass's Guide*, the second-hand car trade handbook. In 1989, British motorists bought 2.3 million new cars but only 1.6 million last year. As a result, there are fewer cars filtering on to the market as nearly-new.

The situation has been aggravated by the purchasing policies of company car fleets, which annually account for half of all new car sales in the UK. Where once these fleet replaced their company cars every two or three years, they have been hanging on for four, even five years, further reducing the supplies of used models.

It also means that when these fleet cars finally reach the used car compound, many have 100,000 miles and more on the clock.

Just how important the used car business is to the manufacturers is underlined by statistics for the second-hand trade.

For every new car sold in the UK, four used cars are sold. That means about six million used cars are likely to change hands this year at the rate of 120,000 a week, making up an industry worth about £17 billion a year. Half those second-hand cars are worth £5,000 or more and are bought at dealers rather than privately.

With sales of new cars depressed, the used market has attracted the attention of the manufacturers in the past two years, offering motorists safe and reliable used cars which come with the peace of mind warranties and dealership back-up formerly reserved for new cars.

Vauxhall's Network Q, which stocks all makes of car, sells 1,000 vehicles a week while Ford's AI Warranty offers similar service.

At the same time, some used model buyers could start thinking of their car as an asset. Take the BMW 318i: even with 10,000 miles on the clock, the car will probably fetch £17,775 today when it was £17,250 new a year ago.

Tom Purves, BMW (GB) managing director, says: "It is a very real indicator of a recovery in the market, particularly in the low-mileage used sector, where people demand real value for money.

"Perhaps the nicest thing is that it used to be rare, exotic sports cars that attracted wealthy speculators as a good investment. Now here we have a family car rewarding its owner's wise purchase."

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

Numbers Game

BOB Copeman is selling a number plate — NJ01 (enjoy) — which has been in his family since 1933, to raise money for Wilf O'Reilly, one of Britain's Winter Olympic hopefuls.

O'Reilly, a former world speed skating champion, is desperate to find sponsorship money to pay for his training up to the next Games in 1994.

Mr Copeman has come to the rescue by selling the numberplate. "Wilf is one of our sporting stars and I am delighted to help in any way I can," he says.

● *Bob Copeman: 021-440 1703*

'Cheap' Merc

MERCEDES-BENZ is attacking the luxury car market by introducing a new "entry level" S-class model costing £37,500. That undercuts previous S-class prices and turns up the heat on competitors. The new 130mph, S280 is a 2.8-litre car with a top speed of 130mph and has airbags for both driver and passenger, anti-lock brakes and engine immobiliser and alarm.

GP first

THE celebration last week of 90 years since the UK staged what has come to be recognised as the first motoring Grand Prix has stirred memories.

Organizers of the Bexhill 100 say cars were racing on a straight course at Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, in May, 1902, an event commemorated in an annual festival.

Hold on

REGULAR M25 motorists will be pleased to hear that the motorway will have a new service station from next week. The £35 million Clacket Lane station between junctions 5 and 6 on the Kent-Surrey border will open on Wednesday. It will break the stretch of motorway from Dover to the Midlands that lacks facilities.

Into the rough

SPIES are required to spot the scruffiest car in Britain. Nominations, which should include full details of owner and car as well as a picture if possible, should go to Carebridge, 565, Wilmslow Road, Withington M20 9QH.

Never too late

EVEN the oldest can still learn. Ford is putting 600 pensioners through their paces on driving courses this summer in a link with Saga, the holiday firm for the elderly, and the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Ford says confidence could be boosted by the courses.

Surprise

JOHN Kennedy must have been surprised to be elevated to the chairmanship of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club in this column last week. He is secretary of the 20 Ghost Club.

Mazda cuts

MAZDA has cut up to £1,000 off the price of some 323 and 626 models. The 323 1.3i three-door LE comes down £801 to £8,995, the 626 1.8i four-door LE £1,009 to £12,495.

ROADWISE



Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report July 16 1993

House of Lords

Advertising credit rate

National Westminster Bank v Devon County Council
Devon County Council v Abbey National plc

Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment June 25]

Banks and other lending institutions were entitled to calculate the annual percentage rate (APR) for credit on a 25-year fixed rate mortgage on the assumption that the interest rate throughout the whole of the term of the mortgage would be the fixed rate, not the fluctuating rate being offered by the bank or the building society at the outset.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in (i) allowing an appeal by National Westminster Bank by way of case stated against its conviction by Plymouth Justices on December 12, 1991 on 12 charges under section 46 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 which created a statutory offence of conveying misleading information in an advertisement and under section 167(2) which created an offence of contravention of the Consumer Credit (Advertisements) Regulations (SI 1989 No 1125); and (ii) dismissing an appeal by Devon County Council by way of case stated against the decision of Plymouth Justices in holding that Abbey National plc's method of calculating the APR was the correct one.

In calculating the APR in respect of the fixed rate mortgage offer by reference to a fixed rate of 13.85 per cent, giving an APR of 14.9 per cent, the bank was correct in its interpretation of regulation 2(1)(d) of the Consumer Credit (Total Charge for Credit) Regulations (SI 1980 No 51) in assuming that a change in interest rates would not occur at the end of the initial fixed rate period.

Regulation 2(1)(d) provides: "In the case of a transaction which provides for variation of the rate or amount of any item included in the total charge for credit in consequence of the occurrence after the relevant date of any event, the assumption that the event will not occur: and, in this sub-paragraph, 'event' means an act or omission of the debtor or of the creditor or any other event (including where the transaction makes provision for variation upon the continuation of any circumstance, the continuation of that circumstance) but does not include an event which is certain to occur and of which the date of occurrence, or the earliest date of occurrence, can be ascertained at the making of the agreement."

Mr Timothy Walker, QC and Mr Thomas Keith for National Westminster Bank; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Martin Meeke for Devon County Council; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Nicholas Paines for Abbey National plc.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the offer of fixed rate mortgage by the bank was a transaction which provided for variation of the rate of interest, after the initial fixed rate period, but it did not provide for variation in consequence of the occurrence after the date of the making of the agreement of any event which was certain to occur and of which the date of occurrence or the earliest date of occurrence could be ascertained at the date of agreement.

That was because of the possibility, albeit remote, that at the end of the fixed rate period the borrower would continue to pay interest at 13.85 per sent.

The bank had not assumed for its calculation that there would be any change in the rate of interest at the end of the fixed rate period and had calculated its APR accordingly. It was not disputed that the bank calculated its APR figure in good faith and upon its understanding of the relevant regulations.

Accordingly the convictions were wrongly recorded and had to be quashed.

The case against Abbey National, was in most material respects the same as the case against National Westminster, namely how the APR in respect of a fixed rate mortgage offer should be calculated.

Abbey National's offer was for a fixed mortgage rate of 13.7 per cent until December 31, 1992 at which time, its variable mortgage rate would apply.

It calculated the APR on the basis of the initial fixed rate, which was the same approach as that used by the National Westminster Bank.

Solicitors: Osborne Clarke; Mr Philip Jenkinson, Exeter; Ms Deborah Henning, Milton Keynes.

Whether insurance contract is a UK policy

Scher and Others v Policyholders Protection Board and Others
Ackman and Others v Same

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Mustill

[Speeches July 15]

An insurance policy was a "United Kingdom policy" within section 4(2) of the Policyholders Protection Act 1975 if, had any of the obligations under the contract evidenced by the policy been performed at the relevant time, such performance would have formed part of an insurance business which the insurer was authorised to carry on in the United Kingdom, whether or not those obligations would have been performed here.

The House of Lords so held in upholding a declaration to similar effect made by the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Leggatt) (*The Times* August 18, 1992; [1993] 2 WLR 479), while deferring giving judgment on the remaining issues on the appeal pending further enquiries from the parties.

The Ackman group of 303 plaintiffs were either partners in a United States law firm or in a Canadian accountancy firm. The Scher group of plaintiffs were three physicians representing 5,000 doctors practising in New York. Both groups had taken out professional liability insurance policies subscribed by four insurance companies authorised under the Insurance Companies Act 1982 but in respect of which provisional liquidators had been appointed.

The defendants were the Policyholders Protection Board, Royal Insurance (UK) Ltd, the appellants on the section 4(2) issue before the House, and New Hampshire Insurance Co Ltd, with both companies having been joined on their own behalf and on behalf of all insurers upon whom the board might impose a levy under the 1975 Act.

Mr Justice Webster and the Court of Appeal had declined to make any declarations as to the right of the plaintiffs to be indemnified, but had made declarations as to the meaning and effect of, *inter alia*, section 4(2).

Section 4 of the 1975 Act provides: "(2) A policy of insurance is a United Kingdom policy for the purposes of this Act at any time when the performance by the insurer of any of his obligations under the contract evidenced by the policy would constitute the carrying on by the insurer of insurance business of any class in the United Kingdom."

Sir Patrick Neill, QC and Mr Alan Griffiths for Royal Insurance; Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC and Mr Geoffrey Vos for the Scher plaintiffs; Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Mark Phillips for the Ackman plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Legh-Jones, QC, for New Hampshire; Mr Rory Phillips for the board.

LORD GOFF said that the Court of Appeal had considered that the question to be asked in each case was whether the authorised insurer had been carrying on insurance business within the United Kingdom and whether, if he were to perform his unperformed obligations under the contract in question, such performance would form part of that business.

In particular, therefore, payment of claims under a policy of insurance effected in the United Kingdom would constitute the carrying on of insurance business within the United Kingdom, wherever the claim was paid.

At the heart of the issue lay the question of the policy which underlay the Act. Was it to protect domestic policyholders from the impact of insolvency of insurance companies authorised to carry on insurance business in the United Kingdom? Or did it extend to protect policyholders elsewhere in the world from the impact of such insolvency?

The question whether Parliament did indeed, as the Court of Appeal held, adopt the wider policy depended upon the true meaning of the definition in section 4(2), considered in its statutory context.

The construction urged upon their Lordships by Sir Patrick Neill was that, under the definition, the enquiry to be made by the board was whether, at the material time, the performance by the insurer of any of his obligations under the policy would constitute, that is, would of itself amount to, the carrying on by the insurer of insurance business in the United Kingdom; and that, accordingly, the relevant enquiry was whether any such obligation, for example, the payment of claims, would under the terms of the policy be required to be performed in the United Kingdom.

If, for example, as under the plaintiffs' policies, claims were required to be paid in the United States, it was argued that the performance would not constitute the carrying on by the insurers of insurance business in the United Kingdom, and so the policies in question would not be United Kingdom policies. The function of section 4(2) was to place a limit on the range of protection afforded by the scheme by confining the protection to domestic consumers in the United Kingdom.

His Lordship had at first been impressed by Sir Patrick's argument, but on reflection found himself unable to accept it.

If the function of section 4 was to restrict protection to domestic consumers in this country, the definition in section 4(2) seemed to be a roundabout and imperfect way of achieving that result. His Lordship would have expected to find an explicit affirmation of that objective, coupled with a criterion which linked the assured to this country, such as for example residence in this country at the time which the contract was effected.

More fundamentally, a construction of section 4(2) which chose as a criterion the place where any of the obligations of the insurer under the policy would be performed revealed an incomplete understanding of the circumstances in which performance might constitute the carrying on by the insurer of insurance business in the United Kingdom.

The mere discharge of a payment obligation could not of itself amount to the carrying on of an insurance business in this country, without taking into account the business activities of the insurer.

If that were not so, an insurer who carried on business only in, for example, New York, but discharged an obligation under a contract of insurance effected in New York by payment of a claim to a person in this country, would be committing an offence under the United Kingdom legislation.

For that reason, the construction of section 4(2) favoured by the Court of Appeal did not lead, as Sir Patrick had suggested, to a rewriting of the subsection.

On the contrary, it gave full effect to the words "carrying on by the insurer of insurance business of any class in the United Kingdom". Furthermore, on that construction, the function of section 4 was to confine protection to those circumstances in which the insurer would require authorisation under the Insurance Companies Act 1974 (now the 1982 Act) to perform his obligations under the policy. In other words, it was not enough for the insurer in question to be an authorised insurer; the policy in question must be one the performance of which required authorisation under the Act.

Only in such a case would the insurer be subject to the imposition of a levy under section 21 of the 1975 Act [calculated on the net premium income from its United Kingdom policies for the specified year], or the protection be available to the assured under, for example, sections 6 or 8.

Consistently with that construction, the policy underlying section 4 was revealed to be not so much the policy of protecting the domestic consumer, but the equally intelligible policy of providing an assured who obtained cover on the London market with the benefit of protection against the insolvency of his insurer, the wider range of protection being matched with a wider range for the imposition of the levy.

The declaration made by the Court of Appeal would be slightly varied in order to make plain the hypothesis upon which it was based and would read: "A policy is a United Kingdom policy if, had any of the obligations under the contract evidenced by the policy been performed at the relevant time, such performance would have formed part of an insurance business which the insurer was authorised to carry on in the UK whether or not such obligation(s) would have been performed in the UK."

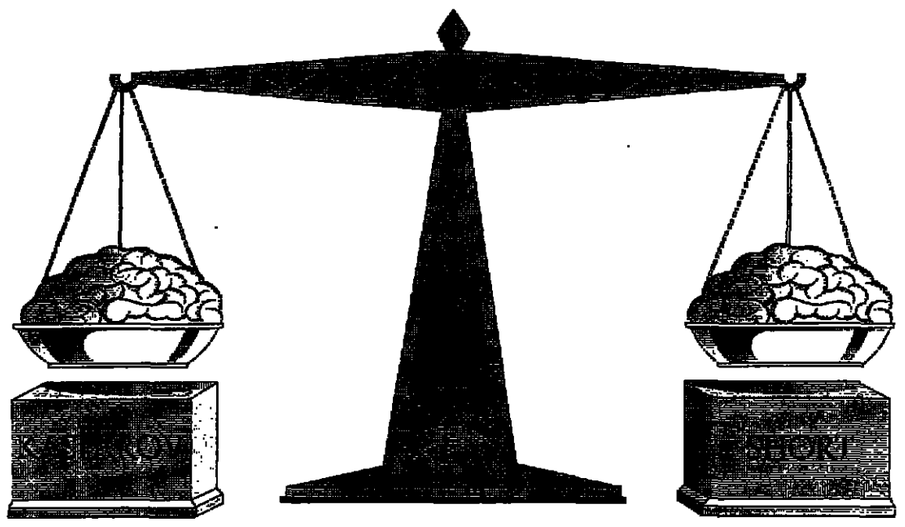
Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Wilde Sapte; Freshfields; Kennedys; Herbert Smith.

Correction

In *Lonrho plc v Fayed (No 4)* (*The Times* July 13) Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Victor Lyon, instructed by Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens, appeared for Lonrho and Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Alastair Walton, instructed by Herbert Smith, for the Fayeds.

COMING SOON



THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

Garry Kasparov, the undefeated World Chess Champion, and Nigel Short, the first ever British player to challenge for the title, come face to face at last.

These two intellectual heavyweights will slug it out over 24 gruelling rounds for The Times World Chess Championship – the first to be held under the auspices of the Professional Chess Association.

The battle takes place between September 7th and October 30th at the Savoy Theatre in London.

If you'd like a ringside seat, phone First Call on 071-497 9977. But do it today, because tickets are disappearing fast.

Not surprising, since it promises to be a classic.

Like Ali versus Frazier, minus the gloves.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST CALL
071 - 497 9977
24 HOURS - 7 DAYS

European Law Report

Security for costs requirement is discriminatory

Hubbard v Hamburger
Case C-20/90

Before C. N. Kakouris, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, M. Diez de Velasco and P. J. G. Kapteyn

Advocate General M. Darmon

(Opinion March 10)

[Judgment July 19]

A requirement in the law of a member state that a national of another member state who, in his capacity as executor of a will had brought proceedings before one of its courts, had to lodge security for costs while nationals of the first member state were not subject to such a requirement was discrimination on the ground of nationality prohibited by articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the *Landgericht* [Regional Court], Hamburg for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Mr Hubbard, an English solicitor, acting in his capacity as executor of a will under English law applied to the *Landgericht*, Hamburg for transfer to his name of assets located in Germany which were part of the estate.

The defendant, Mr Hamburger, asked the court to order a *cautio judicatum solvi* [security for costs] to be lodged pursuant to article 110(1) of the *Zivilprozessordnung* [Code of Civil Procedure]. According to that provision foreign nationals who brought proceedings before German courts were required, on application by the defendant, to provide a guarantee for lawyers' expenses and fees.

Taking the view that the outcome of the proceedings depended upon the interpretation of Community law, the *Landgericht* stayed the proceedings and referred several questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

Security for costs

By its first and third questions the national court sought essentially to establish whether articles 7(1), 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty prohibited a member state from requiring the lodging of security for costs by a person acting in his professional capacity, who was established in another member state and who brought proceedings before one of the courts of the first member state, on the sole ground that that person was a national of the second member state.

Article 7 provided that the principle of non-discrimination was applicable "within the scope of *application of this Treaty*" and "without prejudice to any special provisions contained therein". In that last phrase article 7 referred, in particular, to other provisions of the Treaty which gave effect to the general principle which it set out for specific situations. That was the case, *inter alia*, for provisions relating to the freedom to provide services: see Case C-186/87 *Cowan v Tresor Public* (*The Times* February 13, 1989; [1989] ECR 195).

In order to deal with the question submitted it was necessary first to establish whether activities such as those at issue in the main proceedings, where the provider and the recipient of services were established in the same member state, but where the services were provided in another member state, fell within the scope of articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty.

As the Court had previously held, the provisions of article 59 applied in all cases where a person providing services in a member state other than that in which he was established, wherever the recipients of those services might be established.

Where such a service was provided by a professional person, and thereby, as required by article 60 of the Treaty, generally for remuneration, the principle of equality of treatment laid down in article 59 was applicable.

For a member state to require the lodging of a *cautio judicatum solvi* by a national of another member state, who in his capacity as executor of a will, brought proceedings before one of its courts, where nationals of that member state were not subject to that requirement was discrimination on the ground of nationality prohibited by articles 59 and 60.

International agreements

In accordance with the well established case law of the Court of Justice, it needed only to be stated that the right to equality of treatment laid down in Community law could not depend upon the existence of reciprocal agreements concluded between member states.

Law of succession

By its final question the national court asked, essentially, whether the fact that the proceedings before it related to the law of succession meant that the Treaty was not applicable.

As the Court had previously held, the effectiveness of Community law could not vary according to the various branches of national law which it might affect. In the present case, the national law which was subject to those effects was not the law relenting to the proceedings on the substance, but national rules of procedure.

On those grounds the Court (Sixth Chamber), ruled:

1 Articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty were to be interpreted as meaning that they prohibited a member state from imposing the lodging of a *cautio judicatum solvi* upon a person exercising a profession who was established in another member state, and who brought proceedings before one of the courts of the first member state on the sole ground that that person was a national of another member state;

2 The right of equality of treatment laid down in Community law could not depend upon the existence of international agreements concluded between member states;

3 The fact that the main proceedings were based upon the law of succession could not set aside the application of the right of freedom to provide services laid down by Community law in respect of a member of a profession responsible for that transaction.

مكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Border's verbal skirmishes all part of Ashes war

Alan Lee hears why Australia's captain has chosen the rough, tough path to Test success



Plenty to smile about: Border may have his irascible moments but two up with three to play in defence of the Ashes is a position to cheer any Australian. Photograph: Simon Walker

Allan Border's valedictory campaign in England is, perhaps, one match away from accomplishment. But still he broods. The most enduring Test cricketer the world has known broods over his *future*, about which he is sick of being asked, and over the perception of his team as foul-mouthed bullies, about which *he is sick of hearing*. Yesterday, Australia's remarkable captain gave voice to the dark and deep among his *thoughts*.

Border does not want to leave the game known as a leader of cricketing subversives, as some would have us believe. He does not want to leave the game at all. This is his problem. For though he sometimes wears the furious mask of one railing against age and authority in equal measure, beneath it all Border is a compulsive competitor, addicted to the big time, aware of its frictions but not a bit weary of its abrasive *nature*.

"It's always been part of it," he says. "Test cricket is a hard game and, nowadays, it is more important than ever to those who play it because it is their living. The balance between winning and losing, and being presented as a hero or a mug, is so fine that it is hard not to show some frustrations out there."

But what of the calculated "sledging", the deriding and baiting of opposition batsmen which, again this summer, has attracted censure? "It's the way we play it," Border says, without apology. "At home, nobody thinks much about it because it is accepted practice. I copped it every time I walked out to bat when I first started playing grade cricket and I still get it now.

"When you see Merv Hughes standing in the middle of the pitch, glaring and mouthing, it doesn't have to be Michael Atherton at the other end, it could just as well be me — and I'm a good mate of his. I have never known it be different in Australian cricket and I don't believe it is any worse now. What has changed is the profile of the game and the scrutiny of it all.

"There are occasions when the conduct out there goes over the top. We all have responsibilities and, as captain, I have to keep the lid on it as best I can. Everyone is making moves to try and stop the verbals and I appreciate that we don't want to see young kids going out and swearing at each other on the field just because they have seen us doing it.

"I would also accept that decisions are disputed more these days and that is not a good thing. It's pointless, too, because the umpire is not going to change his mind, nor are we going to complain if a dodgy one goes in our favour next ball. Umpiring is a real tough job now. The more I play, the more I respect them ... and the more I get into trouble with them.

"But just as the umpires' job is made harder by television, a lot of this stuff about player behaviour is caused by the intrusiveness of the cameras. They are showing constant close-ups of blokes for whom every ball, every decision matters like hell. It's all geared up for a confrontation and, the way I see it, if the cameras catch someone mouthing an obscenity, that's television's problem, not ours.

"There is a lot of hypocrisy, too. When Gatting was out to the last ball of the day at Old Trafford, the papers made a fuss because the TV showed him swearing at himself. He would have had to be superhuman not to do it, wouldn't he? And if he had just walked off looking as if he didn't care, you would be right to question that even more."

It was after that Test match that Graham Gooch did, indeed, question whether England players cared sufficiently and whether he, as captain, was to blame. Border understood perfectly. "I know exactly how Graham felt. I went down that road myself in 1986 and I actually said I would give up the job unless I got a better response. Maybe I shouldn't have said that, maybe I wouldn't really have done it, but it was a plea for help really, and to some extent it worked.

> *'When you see Merv Hughes glaring and mouthing, it doesn't have to be Atherton at the other end, it could just as well be me'*

"When you are in a losing trot, as we were then and England have been recently, all your thought processes are affected and it is easy to become negative. It doesn't take long to drop into the old, bad routine and think, 'here we go again'. If you can see that attitude in your team then, as a captain, it is terribly frustrating."

Border has not lost a Test against England in three series — his side leads 2-0 with the fourth Test at Headingley starting next week — but it has not always been so sweet, a fact which accounts for a change in his character in 1989. "I'd been on the losing side on the two previous occasions against England and, back home, it was thought that I was too friendly with the opposition.

"Maybe my own players thought it, too. So I became a harder sort of bloke, more ruthless, less sociable. It might have surprised a few England players but I had spent a lot of time in their dressing-room when I'd been on the losing side. I didn't see too many of them in ours when they were losing. The 1989 tour was terribly important for me as a captain.

"This time, I've gone through a similar mental process but the roles are different because we are the side expected to win. I've also got a real young side now which has a good effect on me, because their enthusiasm is catching, but also has its problems.

"I can communicate with them at the games all right, but, off the field, I'm on my own a bit more because they're looking to go out to places that I have got a bit beyond."

Border grins at this admission of age. The greying hair and weather-beaten features emphasise it and yet, after 144 Tests, he is maintaining his batting average above 50, benchmark of only the finest players. The leading run scorer in Tests, his motivation shows in his body language, from the early-tour irascibility onwards, and it would not surprise me if he were still in charge when the Ashes contest resumes, in Australia, late next year.

"If I was English, people wouldn't be trying to retire me," he said. "But 37 is up there with the oldest Australians. I can't beat the clock and I don't want to linger. I must feel I deserve to be here but, at the highest level, I still love playing and it's in my mind that the Chappells, Lillee and Marsh were all so intent on getting out at the top that they retired when they could easily have played for a couple more years. I'll be a long time retired and I can't come back once it's done. So I have to get it right and go when I'm ready, but not before."

Play falls to rain

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

THE fixture planners who decreed that the second half of the county championship season should start on St Swithin's Day got their comeuppance yesterday. Not one of the eight scheduled fixtures managed a full day's play and not a ball was bowled at Old Trafford, Trent Bridge or Harrogate.

Also washed out was the final day of the Australians' game at Derby, which brought to an end their hopes of securing a £50,000 prize by winning ten of their 14 games against the counties.

Most progress was made, not surprisingly, at Guildford where Gloucestershire, who are propping up the table, were shot out for 153 in damp, humid conditions by the Surrey fast bowlers.

Waqar Younis was again destroyer-in-chief, taking six for 42, claiming, among others, Simon Hinks who with a determined 45 was mainly responsible for some sort of recovery from 36 for four.

Surrey's four bowling points enabled them to close the gap on the leaders, Middlesex, who were held up by Jason Ratcliffe at Edgbaston. The Warwickshire opening batsman was responsible for 82 of his side's 168 for five, the wickets being shared by John Emburey and Phil Tufnell on a previously-used pitch.

Kent reduced Sussex to 59 for four in the 22 overs that were possible at Arundel, two of the wickets falling to Matthew Fleming, fast gaining in credibility as an all-rounder.

Three wickets by John Childs prevented Leicestershire making the most of an opening partnership of 109 between Tim Boon (70) and Nigel Briers (42) against Essex at Southend. Leicestershire slipped to 165 for five before an unbeaten half-century from Phil Robinson helped them past 200 without further loss.

Gower on song

BY JACK BAILEY

PORTSMOUTH (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 65 for two wickets against Worcestershire

ONLY 25 overs were possible here yesterday but they left observers hungry for more. When rain forced a premature close, David Gower and Robin Smith were at the wicket and the ball was zooming around for Benjamin, Tolley and Newport.

The pitch, as always at the United Services ground, was ideal for good cricket, fast and true enough to reward good batting and bowling. Conditions yesterday were loaded in favour of the bowlers. It was a good toss to lose and, having lost it, Worcestershire were relieved not to be asked to bat in conditions where swing and seam were king.

As it was, Gower needed a slice or two of fortune to survive long enough to score more than half his side's runs. But survive he did, and to go with the edge through third slip off Benjamin — catchable if third slip had not just been moved to second gully — and the difficult chance low to Hick's left at second slip off Tolley, there were some handsome strokes. Gower's judgment of line was called on frequently. To play or not to play, that was the question as the ball moved late and often.

Benjamin, off a shortened run, and Tolley, left-arm over and capable of swinging the ball in to the right hander, formed, with Newport, a formidable trio.

Tolley was given 12 overs on the trot. He removed Terry, who was snapped up by Rhodes on the leg side. The promising Morris pushed at a late outswinger from Newport and was swallowed by Hick at second slip. And that, apart from a couple of vintage pulls from Gower, was that.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Warwickshire v Middlesex

EDGBASTON *(first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 168 for five wickets against Middlesex*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Emburey 12
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Tufnell 82
D P Ostler b Emburey 2
T L Penney lbw b Tufnell 23
*D A Reeve c Fraser b Emburey 11
P A Smith not out 5
N M K Smith not out 14
Extras (lb 5, nb 14) 19
Total (5 wkts, 64 overs) 168

†K J Piper, P A Booth, A A Donald and T A Munton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-33, 3-105, 4-149, 5-149.

BOWLING: Fraser 12-4-27-0; Williams 10-4-19-0; Emburey 29-8-54-3, Tufnell 23-4-43-2; Feltham 10-3-20-0

MIDDLESEX: D L Haynes, M A Roseberry, *M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, J D Carr, †K R Brown, M A Feltham, J E Emburey, N F Williams, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell.

Bonus points Warwickshire 0, Middlesex 2.

Umpires: K E Palmer and P B Wight.

Essex v Leicestershire

SOUTHEND *(first day of four; Essex won toss): Leicestershire have scored 203 for five wickets against Essex*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Prichard b Childs 70
*N E Briers c Prichard b Childs 42
J J Whitaker c Such b Sefm 4
J D R Benson lbw b Childs 11
P E Robinson not out 51
L Potter b Such 3
†P A Nixon not out 11
Extras (lb 5, nb 6) 11
Total (5 wkts, 88 overs) 203

W K. M. Benjamin, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109, 2-116, 3-123, 4-158, 5-165

BOWLING: Ilott 14-5-39-0; Pringle 10-2-17-0, Andrew 8-0-6-0, Stephenson 3-0-11-0; Such 21-5-38-1, Childs 27-6-67-3; Salim Malik 10-3-20-1

ESSEX: *G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, M C Ilott, P M Such, S J W Andrew and J H Childs

Bonus points: Essex 2, Leicestershire 1.

Umpires: J W Holder and G A Stickley

Surrey v Gloucestershire

GUILDFORD *(first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs behind Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad lbw b M P Bicknell 1
G D Hodgson lbw b Waqar 9
*S G Hinks c Brown b Waqar 45
M W Alleyne c Stewart b Waqar 14
A J Wright c Stewart b Benjamin 3
†R C Russell b M P Bicknell 12
R M Wight lbw b Waqar 22
R C Williams not out 18
M Davies c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell ... 0
*C A Walsh b Waqar 21
K E Cooper b Waqar 6
Extras (lb 4, nb 4) 8
Total (52.3 overs) 153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-5, 3-29, 4-36, 5-61, 6-96, 7-107, 8-108, 9-143

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 18.3-6-42-6; M P Bicknell 20-7-54-3, Benjamin 13-4-49-1; Thorpe 1-0-4-0

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out 10
P D Atkins not out 10
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2) 4
Total (no wkt, 4 overs) 24

G P Thorpe, *†A J Stewart, M A Lynch, A D Brown, A W Smith, M P Bicknell, Waqar Younis, J Boiling and J E Benjamin to bat.

BOWLING: Walsh 2-0-10-0; Cooper 2-0-13-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Gloucestershire 0

Umpires: G Sharp and D R Shepherd.

Sussex v Kent

ARUNDEL *(first day of four, Kent won toss): Sussex have scored 59 for four wickets against Kent*

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c Llong b McCague 24
J W Hall b Iggleseden 4
D M Smith not out 2
*A P Wells c Hooper b Fleming 9
K Greenfield c Marsh b Fleming 10
J A North not out 0
Extras (lb 4, lb 6) 10
Total (4 wkts, 22 overs) 59

†P Moores, I D K Salisbury, A C S Pigott, E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-33, 3-47, 4-59

BOWLING: Iggleseden 8-3-20-1; McCague 7-3-18-1, Fleming 4-2-8-2; Hooper 3-0-3-0

KENT: T R Ward, *M R Benson, N R Taylor, C L Hooper, N J Llong, G R Cowdrey, M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, M J McCague, A P Iggleseden and R P Davis

Bonus points: Sussex 0, Kent 1.

Umpires: R Palmer and A G T Whitehead

Hampshire v Worcestershire

PORTSMOUTH *(first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 65 for two wickets against Worcestershire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Rhodes b Tolley 9
*R S M Morris c Hick b Newport 14
D I Gower not out 33
R A Smith not out 4
Extras (lb 1, w 3) 5
Total (2 wkts, 25 overs) 65

*M C J Nicholas, K D James, †A N Aymes, M D Marshall, S D Udal, C A Connor and D P J Flint to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-44

BOWLING: Benjamin 7-1-16-0; Tolley 12-4-33-1; Newport 6-1-14-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: *T S Curtis, W P C Weston, G A Hick, D B D'Oliveira, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, C M Tolley, R K Illingworth, N V Radford and K C G Benjamin.

Umpires: D J Constant and P Willey

No play yesterday

HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Glamorgan.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.

Tetley Bitter Challenge

DERBY: Derbyshire 305 (K J Barnett 114, D G Cork 66, W J Holdsworth 5-117, P R Reiffel 4-82), Australians 4 268 for one (M J Slater 133 not out, M E Waugh 60 not out) Derbyshire drew with the Australians.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Maidstone GS 206-8 dec, Chatham GS 92-5; *Colchester RGS 216-9, Old Colcestrians 166

Festivals: Berkhamsted: Monmouth 133, Kimbolton 134-2. Framlingham 211-8, Winchester 114, Monmouth 148, Berkhamsted 149-5, Winchester 236-8, Kimbolton 213. Kimbolton 178-6 (A Scott 101), Framlingham 179-5; Winchester 228-4. Berkhamsted 148-8

Chigwell: William Hulme GS 123-9. Chigwell 124-7; Colston's 196-8, Magdalen Coll Sch, Oxford, 148-7

*denotes home team

NAT WEST TROPHY
BOOK TICKETS NOW!
¼ FINAL ROUND
Don't miss out on the excitement of the Nat West Trophy. It's a straight knockout competition which promises to provide plenty of action.
TUESDAY 27th JULY
ALL MATCHES START AT 10.30AM.

SWANSEA	NORTHAMPTON
GLAMORGAN v WORCESTERSHIRE	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE v SUSSEX
CALL NOW 0222 343478	CALL NOW 0604 32917
TAUNTON	**HEADINGLEY**
SOMERSET v SURREY	YORKSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE
CALL NOW 0823 272946	CALL NOW 0532 787394

CALL THE GROUND TICKET OFFICE NOW

Answers from page 40

ABASIA

(c) Inability to walk, caused by lack of co-ordination of the muscles, from the Greek *a-* privative + *basis* step: "A motor inhibition, an abasia or an agoraphobia, becomes perfected and detailed."

LADANG

(b) A piece of *land under dry cultivation*, often a jungle clearing, also *laddang*, from the Malayan: "Nomads of the deep jungle, they clear and cultivate patches of a few acres, known as ladangs; but in a year or two they move on, clearing new ladangs *in other parts of the jungle*."

WAIATA

(a) A Maori song, also spelled *waiata*, from the Maori: "Indeed the Maori name for the racecourse is Waiatarua [Two Songs] and tradition suggests it was so named because the sound of the flood waters escaping through the underground caverns closely resembled the singing of waiatas."

RETICELLA

(b) A lace-like fabric produced especially in Venice in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries, the Italian diminutive of *rete* a net: "One Francesca Bulgarini also instructed the schools at Siena in the making of lace of every kind, especially the Venetian reticella."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qd3! leaves black defenceless against the threat of 2 Qxd5+, e.g. 1 ... d4 2 Qb3+. Qf7 3 Rh8 mate or 1 ... Nb4 2 Ne7+.

Cram yearns to roll back the years

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ONE athlete in his thirties successfully bridged a ten-year gap last weekend and, in Birmingham over the next two days, another will try. Yobes Ondieki set a world record last Saturday in his first 10,000 metres since 1983. Now, Steve Cram is seeking his first Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) 1,500 metres title for a decade.

In 1983, the AAA title was a precursor to Cram's victory at the world championships, the only global gold medal he has won. His sights are not so high as they were but his passion seems undiminished. He wants to run in the world championships in Stuttgart next month — "I'm not going to win any more at 1,500 but I would love to get on the rostrum" — and his performance in Birmingham holds the key.

Cram failed to make the British Olympic team last year and turned to the 5,000 metres. He trained with that in mind all winter but, unable to deliver on the track this summer, he is returning to the devil he knows. Cram's third place in the Dream Mile in Oslo, where Ondieki, 32, invigorated the thirty-somethings with his world record, convinced him that he should revert to the 1,500 metres.

The AAA championships, sponsored by Panasonic, incorporate the trials for Stuttgart; all winners will be picked subject to them achieving qualifying marks. The 1,500 metres in Britain has lost its Doberman bite and has become a limping dog. Only one Briton, Kevin McKay, has the qualifying time and he is out of the trial through illness. Cram, 32, is attempting to take advantage.

At least his Oslo mile time, 3min 52.17sec, suggests he is capable of the 1,500 metres standard of 3:36.50. "There is nobody in the field I cannot beat," Cram said. "It comes down to how the race is run. The faster the pace, the better for me. But if it is slow early on, the onus is on me to do something."

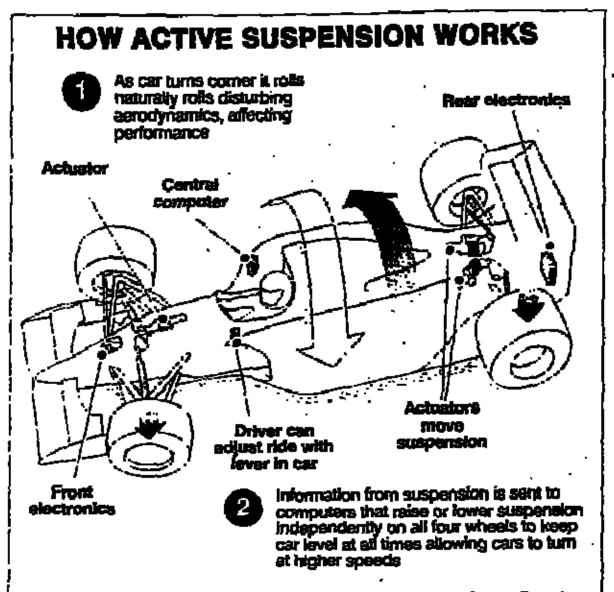
Cram recognises his vulnerability these days. "I have got to think about how I am going to beat guys who can do 49 seconds on the last lap," he said. One man in particular, David Strang, the world indoor silver medal winner, will be almost impossible for Cram to beat in a sprint.

But the shrewd even-pace tactics Cram applied in Oslo showed the brain is working well and the likelihood is that he will finish in the frame for selection and have a week or two to chase the qualifying time.

Among the track finals tonight are the men's 100 metres, 5,000 metres and 110 metres hurdles. John Regis said yesterday that he would run the 100 metres against Linford Christie only if conditions are conducive to sprinting. "I have a slight hamstring problem," Regis said. "If it is warm, I will run; if it is cold, I will not."

Colin Jackson, in the 110 metres hurdles, and Christie return to the scene of triumphs last year, but Jack Buckner's withdrawal means not one men's AAA champion from 200 metres to 5,000 metres will be defending.

Fisa outlaws hi-tech computer aids



Point of contention: active suspension senses bumps and camber changes on the track

BY OLIVER HOLT, MOTOR RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE technical wrangling that has cast an ever-lengthening shadow over Formula One this season flared up again yesterday when Fisa, the sport's governing body, outlawed active suspension and traction control, two of the more advanced computer-aided developments used by all but one of the 13 grand prix teams. In the worst scenario, the move could count some teams, including constructors' championship leaders Williams, out of some or all of this season's remaining grands prix.

Active suspension and traction control were due to be banned at the start of next season anyway, in the interests of cost-cutting and increasing entertainment levels, despite the fierce opposition of leading teams such as Williams and McLaren. Reports compiled by a Fisa delegate at the recent Canadian, French and British grand prixs questioning their legality were widely held to be a pragmatic device designed to force dissenting teams to fall into line with the plans in readiness for the 1994 campaign.

But yesterday, Max Mosley, the Fisa president, announced at a meeting of the World Motor Sport Council in Paris that both active suspension and traction control were now illegal and would have to be removed from the cars for all future grand prixs. Williams, McLaren and Benetton immediately launched appeals to the organisation's independent International Court of Appeal. Their action means the teams will be able to use the two systems for the German grand prix at Hockenheim on July 25, but thereafter may have to revert to passive cars.

That raises not only the prospect of a series of court actions dragging on into the autumn, but also the possibility that Williams may withdraw from competition this season. The team's technical director, Patrick Head, has always maintained that the FW15C car driven by Alain Prost and Damon Hill is built around active suspension and that it would take months to build a competitive passive car.

It appears that the appeals will be heard before the Hungarian grand prix on August 15. "In theory, active suspension and traction control are no longer legal," a Fisa spokesman said. "In practice, that is not the case because they have a right of appeal and that cannot be heard before the German GP.

"But if the appeal goes against them, they will have to run their cars without active and traction control from that point onwards."

The drive against the two developments, one of which is used by every team except Minardi, is part of Fisa's crusade to try to reduce the erosion of driver skill and the drift towards a car that could be driven around the track without a driver.

Teams support active suspension but there is almost unanimous agreement on scrapping traction control, a device that eliminates wheel spin by reducing engine power until it senses the wheels have regained traction.

Rominger repeats *mountain* success

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WINNING one mountain stage of the Tour de France is something of which any self-respecting cyclist would be proud: winning two, back-to-back, is an extraordinary achievement and by doing it, Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, yesterday ensured that whatever else happens in *Le Tour* this year, he will be remembered as one of its outstanding figures.

A day after his victory in the tenth stage at Serre Chevalier, Rominger pedalled his way to the winner's rostrum at the end of the eleventh, the Tour's toughest stage, a 112.5-mile Alpine journey along the highest road in Europe from Serre Chevalier to Isola. He was tested all the way to the line by the defending champion, Miguel Induráin, of Spain, who finished less than half-a-wheel behind the Swiss.

Mario Cipollini, of Italy, and Wilfried Nelissen, of Belgium, who wore the yellow jersey for five days between them during the first week of the event, both bowed out of the race, Cipollini after finishing outside the stage time limit after Nelissen abandoned his effort.

RESULTS (eleventh stage, Serre Chevalier to Isola, 180km): 1, A Rominger (Switz), CLAS, 5hr 41min 3sec; 2, M Induráin (Sp), Banesto, same time; 3, C Chiappucci (It), Carrera, at 13sec; 4, Z Jaskula (Pol), GB-MG, at 15; 5, A Mejia (Col), Motorola, 15; 6, B Riis (Den), Ariostea, 31; 7, R Millar (GB), TVM, 1:00; 8, O Rincon (Col), Amaya, 2:56; 9, A Hampsten (US), Motorola, 3:06; 10, R Conti (It), Ariostea, 3:22; 11, P Delgado (Sp), Banesto, 4:19; 12, J Unzaga (Sp), CLAS, 4:34; 13, F Echave (Sp), CLAS, 5:23; 14, A Rondon (Col), Gatorade, 5:33; 15, A Martin (Sp), Amaya, 5:23; 16, J-P Dojwa (Fr), Festina, 6:57; 17, L Madouas (Fr), Castorama, 9:33; 18, E Breukink (Holl), ONCE, 9:47; 19, U Bolts (Ger), Telekom, 10:07; 20, R G Arnata (Sp), Festina, 11:21. British and Irish placings: 30, S Roche (Ire), Carrera, 12:51; 60, S Yates (GB), Motorola, 25:24.

Overall: 1, Induráin, 46hr 39min 20sec; 2, Mejia, at 3min 23sec; 3, Jaskula, at 4:31; 4, Rominger, 5:44; 5, Riis, 10:26; 6, Hampsten, 11:12; 7, Chiappucci, 14:09; 8, Breukink, 14:54; 9, Delgado, 15:32; 10, Rincon, 21:17; 11, Martin, 22:07; 12, G Bugno (It), Gatorade, 23:05; 13, Conti, 23:21; 14, Dojwa, 23:40; 15, A Zülle (Switz), ONCE, 24:00; 16, A Elli (It), Ariostea, 25:00; 17, F Echave (Sp), Clas, 25:31; 18, T Bourguignon (Fr), Castorama, 25:37; 19, Roche, 25:50; 20, V Poulnikov (Ukr), Carrera, 27:42. British and Irish placings: 34, Millar, 34:18; 65, Yates, 56:53.

Today's stage: Isola to Marseilles (287.5km).

Homing in on magpies at 1,200 paces

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Brothers in arms: Welsh shooters Bob Hassell, top, and Peter Davies get down to business at Bisley

In 1862, Lord Elcho, chairman of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and possibly a forebear of little Sir Elcho, donated a challenge shield to be contested by eighteen national teams firing 15 shots each at 1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards.

The "Elcho" has been held ever since: England tend to beat Scotland, with Ireland trailing a bit and Wales, who have only recently come back in, bringing up the rear.

Follow the NRA signpost off the A332 west of Bisley and you begin to hear the sound of gunfire; get closer and you can tell the difference between the noisy crack of a pistol, the noisier blasts of shotguns, the clean bang of the rifle, followed by its reverberation, and now and then the rat-tat-tat of automatic weaponry.

The Bisley range is a world within a world. A token soldier stands at the gates, wonders momentarily whether you are one of the 1,500 shooters or a rare spectator who wants to pay £3 to listen to the din — and waves you through.

Within the huge estate there is a plentitude of huts and shacks and cabins in which shooting associations keep their gear; imposing Victorian clubhouses which vie with each other to feed and water their shooter members; period toilets reminiscent of Edwardian bathing machines; and a number of single-storey dwelling houses whose designs are approved by a committee determined not to make the large number of people who sleep under canvas feel jealous.

It is a quintessentially English scene involving a cast of controlled eccentrics united by a common interest. Age is irrelevant; there are those who shoot, who have shot, who will shoot and others who like to talk about shooting.

It appears that in order to join this fraternity, live temporarily or permanently on the reservation, you must have about your person at least four of the following articles: beach hat or stetson. Ear muffs. Leather jacket or ribboned blazer. Shooting jerkin with white patch on back to refract the sun. Camp stool. Telescope. Field telephone. Plus fours. Arm bands. Medallions. Gun rest.

A Range Rover is a help and battle honours in the shape of metal bars inscribed with date and event are hung from the left shoulder; should these reach below the hip, the wearer is a shooter of calibre. (P. T. Barnum, when told of the unfortunate death of an employee who was fired from a cannon in his circus, is reputed to have said: "It will be hard to find a man of the same calibre".)

What is wholly admirable is that shooters lie on their stomachs or their backs five furlongs or more from the target, assess the strength of the wind by careful evaluation of the strategically placed flags, and consult with their coaches, who are chosen for meteorological wisdom. Then they manage, at least 80 per cent of the time, to hit the bull's-eye, which is no more than 20 inches in diameter, and hardly ever get worse than a magpie, which scores three out of five.


FREUD ON FRIDAY

Some flags billow, some sag, some strain 20 degrees from the direction of others and the bullets fishtail — goes first one way then another as we used to do in the eponymous variation to the foxtrot.

In the far distance the target number is dipped and a card is raised displaying a red dot where the shot landed. Telescopes are used to examine the exact place of impact, sights are adjusted — at 1,200 yards, a minute (one-sixtieth of a degree) of angle will cause the difference of one foot.

In the challenge shield there is no opportunity to practice — though shooters are permitted a round into the ground to clear the barrels. "Gentlemen, you may now blow off" is the command for this exercise, a command cherished by American observers.

At 1,000 yards, our lead man started with an outer, and followed this with 14 bulls.

The English team is best, though shooting is not much of a team sport, having about it as much camaraderie as chess by post.

Luncheons had been cold ham or sandwiches in private houses, burgers and pizzas in the London and Midland, the North London, the City, the Surrey, the Army and the other clubs that make up club row. After the second discipline, at 3.45 there is a celebration; a Pimm's and strawberry party, which unites all contestants.

The NRA is very proud of its ecological blamelessness. In the 4,000 acres of Bisley, foxes, game birds and red deer apparently live in contentment. The captain of England's Elcho team, John de Havilland, told us that they had just about the best flora and fauna anywhere.

Deaf fauna, we suggested.

It transpired that Bisley hosts the only colony of hairy ants in the country *and* this is on the increase: "red bodies, hairy legs, hundreds of them — we have had to guard them against twitchers."

Are they a protected species?

"I doubt Parliament knows they exist."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lewis offers fresh hope for Bruno

LENNOX Lewis yesterday kept alive hopes of a world championship boxing contest with Frank Bruno (Srikumar Sen writes). The bout, which had been shelved after Lewis decided to defend his World Boxing Council title first against Tommy Morrison and Evander Holyfield, could take place next May. Lewis said he might be able to fit Bruno in between his bouts with Holyfield and Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion. Lewis's bout with Bowe is likely to take place in the second half of 1994.

"I definitely want to fight Bruno," Lewis said, "but it all depends on whether he fights Bowe." A defeat for Bruno by Bowe would make Bruno's match with Lewis pointless. "If Bruno is after money, I think he should wait for me," Lewis said. "If he wants an easier fight, he should go for Bowe."

Bailey pulls out

TENNIS: Chris Bailey, the British No 3, withdrew from the Northern Electric Open in Newcastle yesterday with an injured neck. He strained it during a doubles match the previous night and it worsened while he was warming up before playing Andrew Foster. "I'll probably have to pull out of the tournament in Canada next week as well," Bailey said. Mark Petchey, the British No 5, defeated Florian Krumrey, of Germany, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 to join his countrymen, Foster and Miles Maclagan, in the second round. Foster beat Ugo Colombini, of Italy, who replaced Bailey.

South Africa return

CRICKET: South Africa's opening first-class match in England after a 29-year gap will be against Kent at Canterbury. The South Africans will share the 1994 international summer with New Zealand, playing three Test matches and two Texaco Trophy internationals. Their Test venues are Lord's, Headingley and The Oval, while one-day internationals at Edgbaston and Old Trafford will bring the trip to a close in August. New Zealand are also playing three Tests — at Trent Bridge, Lord's and Old Trafford — after two one-day internationals, at Edgbaston and Lord's.

Barnet lose appeal

FOOTBALL: Barnet yesterday lost their appeal against a Football League commission ruling that allowed 11 players to leave the debt-ridden second division club on free transfers. The appeal committee said it was satisfied Barnet had been guilty of "serious and persistent breaches" regarding the payment of wages. The decision is likely to persuade an anonymous backer to withdraw his proposed rescue package and means Barnet face almost certain expulsion from the league at an extraordinary general meeting in Nottingham on Monday.

Milton withdrawn

EQUESTRIANISM: John Whitaker's Everest Milton has been withdrawn from the European championships in two weeks' time. The 16-year-old grey has not jumped since going lame at Hickstead in May and is unprepared for the championships in Gijón, Spain, from July 28 to August 2. Whitaker, named last week in the team of four, will now take Gammon, another 16-year-old, as his main horse, with Grannusch as back-up. Whitaker's partnership with Milton has been the most successful the sport has known. The grey was the first show jumper to pass £1 million in winnings.

Mexican skills decisive

POLO: Ellerston Black secured their place in the final of the Davidoff British Open championships at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday with a 10-6 victory against Brook Johnson's American team, CS Brooks (John Watson writes). It was largely due to the interplay and ball control of Ellerston's central Mexican duo, Carlos Gracida and Roberto Gonzalez, that they won through to meet John Manconi's Alcatel at Cowdray Park on Sunday. Alcatel won the second semi-final 13-6 over Bill Bond-Elliot's Aston Martin team.

Sculling in demand

ROWING: The second largest entry, 663 competitors, will contest the national championships, at Strathclyde Water Park from today until Sunday evening. The championships begin with preliminary heats for the junior events. The national policy of promoting sculling, as distinct from rowing, among the country's youngsters is evident in by far the largest entries in the single sculls classes — 30 in the men's junior and 23 in the men's junior 16. The senior competition begins on Saturday.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SUTTON, Surrey: Women's 2,000m steeplechase: S Young (Parkside), 7min 4 7sec (British record)

BADMINTON

KUCHING: Malaysian Open tournament: Women's doubles: Semi-finals: L Stuer-Lauridsen and L Olsen (Den) bt G Clark and J Wright (Eng), 15-7, 15-12; Lim Xiaoqing and C Magnusson (Swe) wo T Matsuo and K Sasago (Japan), scr. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: Paulus and Herawan (Indo) bt J Mardianto and S Untari (Indo), 18-15, 15-8; M Sogaard (Den) and G Gowers (Eng) bt N Ponting and G Clark (Eng), 5-15, 15-6, 15-3

BOWLS

EASTBOURNE: Open tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: S Hall (Parade) bt D Weaver (Victoria Drive), 21-16; D Booth (Parade) bt K Bailey (Hayes), 21-17. Pairs: Fifth round: J Preston and S Riggs bt G Irons and R Plant, 22-21; A Bishop and J Kent bt R Pepper and C Murray 17-15. R Philips and W Hatto bt A Finlay and R Cummings, 22-17, P Gander and L Ashton bt B Parker and M Hughes, 28-13, T Brown and D Whetstone bt K Hill and D Croft, 28-10, P North and A Wright bt M Prentice and R Borthwick, 22-21; A Irons and G Irons bt B Evans and F Brown 17-14; A Burgess and G McKeown bt M Fuller and H Fagg, 29-13


FORTHCOMING COMPANY GOLF DAYS

July 17 Uniplex Ltd
The Belfry 30 players

July 20 Lehman Brothers Int
Sunningdale 75 players

July 21 IEP Ltd
Burton-on-Trent
30 players

July 21 Robson Rhodes
The Berkshire
60 players

IBERIA

FOR ENTRY DETAILS OR FURTHER INFORMATION
CALL 071 436 3415

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bedford School: Northamptonshire 233 (M N Bowen 45), Derbyshire 53-0. Gloucester (King's School): Kent 115 (M C J Ball 4-35); Gloucestershire 146-5. Halesowen: Essex 261-3 (N V Knight 145, J B Lewis 61) v Worcestershire. No play yesterday: Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan. Old Edwardians: Warwickshire v Middlesex. Hove: Sussex 184-5 (N J Lenham 111 not out) v Hampshire. The Oval: Somerset 243 (A J Hollioake 5-68); Surrey 77-4.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Wolverhampton: Staffordshire 175-4 dec (D A Banks 73 not out) and 94-1 dec. Northumberland 24-1 dec and 131. Staffordshire won by 114 runs. Trowbridge: Wiltshire 279-4 dec (P M Marsh 126, K N Foyle 64); Cornwall 234-6 (R J Bartlett 63, S Wherry 59). Match drawn.

CYCLING

DUNSFOLD, Surrey: Twickenham CC centenary road race: 1, C Lillywhite (Banana), 102 miles, 4hr 1min; 2, S Sutton (Banana), at 1sec; 3, P Holdsworth (Hounslow Wheelers), 1 length

GLIDING

ENSTONE: Open class nationals: no flying yesterday. Third day (revised results: 152km tri) 1, J Cardiff (ASW22), 86.2kph, 519pts; 2, A Kay (ASH25), 84.6, 517; 3, S Jones (Nimbus 3), 83.8, 516; 4, R May (ASH25), 83.5, 515; 5, D Innes (Nimbus 3), 66.8, 493; 6, R Jones (Nimbus 4), 133.7km, 408. Overall: 1, Kay, 1,979pts; 2, Innes, 1,881; 3, May, 1,867; 4, S Jones, 1,751; 5, Pullen, 1,597; 6, M Throssell (Ventus C), 1,460

HOCKEY

PHILADELPHIA: Women's intercontinental cup: Group A: Italy 2, France 1; Argentina 1, India 0, Germany 0, United States 0. Group B: Canada 1, Japan 1; Scotland 3, Belgium 0

MOTOR RALLYING

ARGENTINE RALLY: First stage: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica GT4, 2min 56sec, equal 2, D Auriol (Fr), Toyota Celica GT4, M Biasion (It), Ford Escort, 2.59.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Wits University 24, Combined Oxford and Cambridge XV 27 (in Johannesburg)

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA imperial meeting: Elcho Challenge Shield home international (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards): 1, England, 1,670pts (S Collings, 215); 2, Ireland, 1,627 (W Hanna, 208); 3, Scotland, 1,616 (H Butcher, 208); 4, Wales 1,527 (H Morley, 204). Financial Times cup: 1, J Szmankowicz (RGS Guildford), 50/41; 2, E Boyce (Eton), 50/37; 3, S Perrygrove (Sedbergh), 50/18. Clay pigeon cup: 1, A Patterson (Kimbolton); 2, M Ruston (Kimbolton); 3, R Harrison (Kimbolton). Wellington cup (300 yds): 1, T Rancock (Epsom), 35.7; 2, P Patel (Epsom), 35.6; 3, C Nason (Bloxham), 35.6. Schools staff cup: 1, P Hicks (RGS Guildford), 69.7; 2, F France (Bloxham), 68.6; 3, E Wilkowski (Bloxham), 67.8. Devon cup (fives): 1, Epsom, 340.46; 2, Victoria, Jersey, 338.39; 3, Cranbrook, 335.38. Seymour shield (fives): 1, Epsom, 340.46; 2, Harrow, 330.28; 3, Merchant Taylors', 327.37. Reserve trophy: P Stockwell (Marlborough), 48.6. Cadet rifle aggregate: M Boston (Gresham's), 70.11. Cadet pistol advancing man: C Yeoman (Sedbergh). 25 London Scottish vase: 1, Glasgow Academy, 327.28; 2, Dollar Academy, 326.28; 3, Glenalmond, 320.20

TENNIS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Northern Electric Open: First round: P Wekesa (Ken) bt T Gollwitzer (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; J Carrasco (Sp) bt P Nyborg (Swe), 7-5, 6-1; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt M Damel (Isr), 6-2, 7-6; M Petchey (GB) bt S Krumrey (Ger), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; S Sansoni (Fr) bt N Bruno (It), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt B Lemercier (Fr), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; A Foster (GB) bt U Colombini (It), 6-3, 6-4

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

BUFFALO, New York: Athletics: Women's 10km walk: 1, Long Yuwen (China), 46.18.75; 2, I Ramazanova (Russ) 46 18.58; 3, R Giordano (It), 46 25.77

Baseball: Cuba 7, United States 2; Canada 14, Taiwan 0, South Korea 11, Italy 1. Basketball: Men: China 87, Czech Republic 71; Britain 102, Switzerland 78; Israel 84, Canada 82; South Korea 99, Sweden 86; United States 106, Croatia 65, Greece 71, Estonia 69; Finland 96, Japan 71. Women: United States 88, Japan 67, Kazakhstan 84, Romania 65, Cuba 103, Russia 72, Canada 93, Hong Kong 20; Lithuania 88, Ukraine 57. Fencing: Men's épée: Semi-finals: K Kulcsar (Hun) bt A Schmitt (Ger), 2-0; P Dränert (Ger) bt J-M Muratorio (Fr), 2-1. Final: Dränert bt Kulcsar, 2-1. Football: Women: Semi-finals: United States 2, Russia 0.

Swimming: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, Y de Fabrique (Fr), 1.51.24; 2, R McFarlane (Can), 1.51 69; 3, T O'Hare (Can), 1.52 84. 200m breaststroke: 1, M Gonzalez (Cuba), 2.16.24; 2, J Rey (Fr), 2.17.05; 3, A Hayashi (Japan), 2.17.14. Women: 100m butterfly: 1, Y Kando (Japan), 1.01 59; 2, K Krueger (US), 1.01.78; 3, D Gaudin (Can), 1.02.07. British placing: 8, H Jepson, 1.04.83. 1,500m freestyle: 1, C Stephenson (US), 16 41.75; 2, I Arnould (Bel), 16.52.28; 3, M Wirth (Fr), 16.56.29. British placing: 8, N Atkinson, 17.26.83. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: 1, United States 3.47.83; 2, Canada 3.48 05; 3, Germany 3.53.99; 5, Britain 3.56.88.

Tennis: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: Yoon Bok Kyu (Korea) bt K Miyachi (Japan), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; J Hunter (GB) bt R Janecek (Can), 6-3, 7-6; Zhang Jiu Hua (China) bt U Biaganti (It), 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; Shin Han Choel (Korea) bt T Chaen (Japan), 6-3, 7-6. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: S Smith (GB) bt J Lorenzo (It), 6-4, 6-2; Yi Jingqian (China) bt H Willens (US), 6-1, 6-1; O Gravereaux (Fr) bt A Simpson (GB), 7-6, 2-6, 7-5; K Shibata (Japan) bt Chen Li (China), 6-3, 6-0

Volleyball: Men: Quarter-finals: Belgium 3, Italy 1; Poland 5, Kazakhstan 1; Japan 3, Canada 1. Placing round: Algeria 3, Greece 0; Germany 3, Australia 0. Women: Consolation round: Turkey 3, Hong Kong 0. Water polo: Slovakia 12, Romania 6; Canada 23, South Africa 6, China 12, Japan 5; Russia 6, Australia 5; Italy 11, Kazakhstan 6. Hungary 8, United States 7.

YACHTING

TEESSIDE TWO-MAN ROUND BRITAIN AND IRELAND RACE: Fourth leg (Lerwick to Hartlepool): 1, Lakota (D Scully and S Fossett, US), 5 days 6hr 30min. After third leg (Barra to Lerwick): Class one: 2, Enif (R Tolleen and P Foot, GB), 5:16 37; 3, QAB 3 (M Gatehouse and M Carter, GB), 5:17:52. 4, Global Challenger (T Bullimore and K Pahl, GB), 6.12:37. Class two: 1, Jusqu'au Bout du Monde (L Blanken and P Carpentier, Fr), 5.17.30. Class five: 1 (2 overall), Severalles Challenge (B Thompson and H Darveld, GB), 6.12:45

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

11.0 unless stated

Britannic Assurance county championship

Second day of four

SOUTHEND: Essex v Leicestershire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Worcestershire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Glamorgan
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Gloucestershire
ARUNDEL: Sussex v Kent
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Middlesex
HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): King's School, Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Kent. Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan. Bedford School: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire. The Oval: Surrey v Somerset. Hove: Sussex v Hampshire. Old Edwardians: Warwickshire v Middlesex. Halesowen: Worcestershire v Essex.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): Beaconsfield: Buckinghamshire v Northumberland. Brewood: Staffordshire v Cambridgeshire. Bridgnorth: Shropshire v Cornwall (first day)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Panasonic AAA championships (Birmingham).

GOLF: Open Championship. Second round (Royal St George's); English women's county finals (Hayling GC).

TENNIS: Northern Electric Open (Newcastle); LTA women's satellite tournament (Frinton-on-Sea).

THE TIMES SPORTS SERVICE

RACING
Commentary
Call 0891 500 123
Results
Call 0891 100 123

CRICKET
Reports and scoreboards from the county championship
Call 0839 555 510

GOLF
Reports and scores from the Open Championship
Call 0839 555 550

Calls cost 36p per min cheap rate. 48p per min at all other times

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: soft

2.20 (7f 16yd) 1, BUDE (Pat Eddery, 8-15 fav), 2, Sheridan (W Carson, 12-1); 3, Wishing (L Dettori, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Rana Sanga (6th), 12 Dalwood (4th), 50 Rich Miss (5th), Loose Change. 7 ran. 1l, 10l, 1l, 12l, hd. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.30. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.30. 1min 37sec.

2.50 (5f 6yd) 1, NO EXTRAS (B Rouse, 13-2), 2, Tuscan Dawn (T Quinn, 8-1); 3, Newbury Coat (W Carson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6-1 jt-fav Catherineofaragon (4th), Putout, 13-2 Stormy Heights (5th), 8 Go Flightline (6th), 10 Jobie, 11 El Arz, 12 Ahjay, 40 Cuddly Date. 11 ran. NR: Aragrove, The Fed. 2l, 1l, 3l, ¾l, 3l. G Moore at Epsom. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £18.70. Trio: £87.50. CSF: £51.03. Tricast: £422.13. 1min 3.88sec.

3.25 (1m 6f) 1, DUSTY POINT (W R Swinburn, 9-4 fav); 2, Mujaawab (R Hills, 8-1); 3, Haunted Wood (M Roberts, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Hoosie (4th), 5 Euphonic (6th), 13-2 Mr Copyforce (5th). 6 ran. NR: Yahmi, Bohemian Crown. 4l, 5l, 2l, 8l, 30l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £3.60. DF: £14.00. Trio: £6.90. CSF: £18.57. Tricast: £44.98. 3min 14.23sec.

4.00 (7f 16yd) 1, NEWS AND ECHO (W R Swinburn, 12-1), 2, Overact (L Dettori, 11-4); 3, A Smooth One (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Palana (4th), 11-2 Oubeck Blue (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 1l, 3½l, 3l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £11.40; £2.50, £1.70. DF: £15.90. CSF: £39.32. 1min 38.17sec.

4.35 (1m 14yd) 1, TESHAMI (M Roberts, 100-30 fav); 2, Bobbie Dee (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 3, Lenkridge (L Piggott, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Maraas (6th), 9 Al Kaithyah (4th), 11 Champagne 'N Roses, 12 Funny Hilarious (5th), Maswaki Dancer, 14 Welsh Heritage, Bali Hero, 16 Dubai Summer, 20 Fuchu, 33 Broughtons Turmoil, 50 Amorem, Sula Moon. 15 ran. NR: Bravura. 3l, 3l, 5l, ½l, ½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £1.80, £3.70. DF: £7.10. Trio: £51.00. CSF: £15.87. 1min 47.05sec.

5.10 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, PORT SUNLIGHT (D O'Neill, 3-1 fav; Thunderer's nap), 2, Jade Green (C Webb, 5-1), 3, Laxus (Sarah Thompson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Junction Twentytwo, 13-2 War Requiem (4th), 8 Sarahin, 9 Thimbalina (6th), 10 Altermeera (5th). 8 ran. NR: Precious Caroline. 2l, 1½l, 1½l, ¾l, 2½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £4.70. Trio: £22.70. CSF: £16.37. Tricast: £100.26. 2min 17.68sec.

Jackpot: £4,888.80 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £5,498.51 carried forward to Newbury today.

Placepot: £77.60.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to soft

2.10 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, MR GENEAOLOGY (K Rutter, 4-6 fav); 2, Try N' Fly (Darren Moffatt, 6-4); 3, Magic Fan (Carol Davison, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Lime Juice (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 10l, 20l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.97.

2.40 (7f) 1, EXTRA BONUS (J Weaver, 9-1), 2, Close To Reality (K Fallon, 16-1); 3, Chief Executive (J Reid, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Ovideo (5th), 5 Imposing Groom, 9 Harpo's Special, 10 Parisian Lover, 12 Komplicity (4th), 16 Blaster Bates (6th), Golden Star, 20 West Coast. 11 ran. NR: Erris Boy, Johnnie The Joker. 1½l, 3l, ½l, 4l, 2l. C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £10.50; £3.00, £8.70, £1.90. DF: £51.30. CSF: £129.32. Tricast: £491.14.

3.10 (7f) 1, CUBIST (B Raymond, 5-1); 2, Marx Monarch (A Garth, 5-1); 3, Norling (L Charnock, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Braxton Bragg, 6 Make Mine A Double (4th), 7 Irish Roots, 14 Brooklands Express (5th), 33 Shotley Again (6th), Czard. 9 ran. NR: Missed The Boat. 1½l, 5l, nk, 4l, 1½l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £1.30, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £11.20. Trio: £19.10. CSF: £28.78. Tricast: £74.27.

3.40 (5f 212yd) 1, WEST QUEST (A Munro, 4-5 fav); 2, Callabonna (G Duffield, 3-1); 3, Midnight Magpie (K Fallon, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Rich Harmony, 16 Princess Carmen, 25 Double Sixteen (4th), Blain (6th), 33 Racing Brenda (5th), 50 Marble. 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l, sh hd, 1½l, 2l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.59.

4.10 (5f 212yd) 1, PROMISE FULFILLED (J Fortune, 7-1); 2, Northern Celadon (B Raymond, 5-1); 3, Soolaimon (J Reid, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Lady Highfield, 12 Insider Trader (6th), 14 Beechfield Flyer (5th), 16 Arctic Diamond (4th), Wizard King, 40 Browlea Lyndene. 9 ran. ½l, 3l, 5l, 3½l, 1½l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £20.70. CSF: £39.88.

4.45 (7f) 1, MCA BELOW THE LINE (S Webster, 12-1); 2, Super Benz (J Fortune, 13-2); 3, North Arder (Dean McKeown, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Knight Of Shalot, 5 Dream Carrier (6th), 6 Leave It To Lib, 13-2 Public Way (5th), 14 Coconut Johnny (4th). 8 ran. NR: Wasaha Garr. 1l, 2l, 2½l, 1½l, 3l. W Barker at Richmond. Tote: £12.10; £3.40, £1.90, £2.80. DF: £24.10. CSF: £77.60. Tricast: £467.21.

Placepot: £62.70.

Wednesday's late results

Sandown Park

Going: soft

8.25 (5f 6yd) 1, Battling Blue (Pat Eddery, 4-5 fav); 2, Dance Focus (2-1); 3, Major Success (15-1). 5 ran. Nk, 8l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.61.

6.55 (1m 1f) 1, Lady Lacey (J Williams, 8-1); 2, Waazza (12-1); 3, Valiant Words (9-1); 4, Norman Warrior (12-1). Ler Cru 5-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Chouette. 12l, 1l. G Balding. Tote: £7.00; £1.60, £2.60, £2.30, £4.40. DF: £29.30. Trio: £95.40. CSF: £91.76. Tricast: £710.06. Tadora (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

7.25 (1m 6f) 1, Free Mover (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Bally Knight (11-2); 3, Sword Master (7-2 jt-fav). James Is Special 7-2 jt-fav. 7 ran. NR: Pharamineux, Algairawaan, Fact Or Fiction. 3½l, ½l. N Graham. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £2.80. DF: £19.90. Trio: £9.50. CSF: £28.59. Tricast: £94.28.

7.55 (7f 16yd) 1, Fourforfun (Mark Denaro, 12-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Simply Finesse (8-1); 3, Chili Heights (11-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Belfry Green. ½l, 6l. R Hannon. Tote: £12.80; £3.80, £2.90, £2.70. DF: £81.90. Trio: £245.40. CSF: £101.84. Tricast: £549.39.

8.25 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Pistols At Dawn (J Reid, 11-2); 2, Bering Island (4-1); 3, Chappucci (6-1). Sparky's Song 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Regalsett. ½l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £9.60. Trio: £17.80. CSF: £25.85.

8.55 (5f 6yd) 1, Bells Of Longwick (T Williams, 11-1); 2, Ballasecret (15-2); 3, Bodari (4-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Sid Captain. 2l, ¾l. D Laing. Tote: £19.10; £4.80, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £74.00. Trio: £101.30. CSF: £81.24. Tricast: £362.17.

Jackpot: not won.

Placepot: £282.50.

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

6.35 (6f 3yd) 1, Samsolom (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Bill Moon (6-1); 3, Walk That Walk (10-1). Pageboy 15-8 fav. 8 ran. Nk, 1½l. P Howling. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £15.80. CSF: £36.13. Tricast: £296.03.

7.05 (7f 3yd) 1, Silver Slipper (M Roberts, 7-2); 2, Passion Sunday (1-2 fav); 3, Fitch (16-1). 5 ran. Sh hd, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.02.

7.35 (1m 3yd) 1, Starlight Rose (E Johnson, 8-1); 2, Dalalah (3-1); 3, Rock The Boat (7-1). Crystal Rosy 11-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Trianglepoint. ½l, 4l. C Horgan. Tote: £9.30; £3.00, £2.30. DF: £11.70. Trio: £5.90. CSF: £28.24. Tricast: £160.34.

8.05 (6f 3yd) 1, Polish Admiral (N Day, 4-1); 2, Petula (4-5 fav); 3, Bradwell (7-1). 6 ran. 1l, 4l. C Wall. Tote: £9.00; £1.80, £1.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.09.

8.35 (2m) 1, Mistress Bee (R Hills, 14-1); 2, Post Impressionist (11-4); 3, Quiet Riot (9-2). Julfaar 5-4 fav. 6 ran. ¾l, 7l. D Morley. Tote: £6.60; £2.50, £1.50. DF: £10.40. CSF: £48.59.

9.05 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Duveen (M Fenton, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Cast The Line (7-1); 3, Overpower (9-2). Surrey Dancer 3-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. Nk, 1l. M Bell. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £3.20. DF: £13.20. CSF: £20.12.

Placepot: £67.80.

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

Bude lands victory of pedigree

By Julian Muscat

MOST beaten Derby favourites tend to disappear into the mists of time, but not Tenby. A creditable third in the Eclipse has restored some of his lost reputation, and yesterday, as he contemplated life from his box in Newmarket, it was the turn of his two-year-old half-brother, Bude, to keep the family name in lights.

Notice of Bude's impressive homework saw him sent off the 15-8 on favourite. He duly obliged, but had to work hard to repel the persistent Sheridan by a length in the EBF Raynes Park Stakes over seven furlongs. "Potentially he is going to be all right," Henry Cecil, his trainer, said. "He could do no more today. He had an easy outing and Pat [Eddery] was delighted."

As Bude had made the running, Cecil was disinclined to quibble about the relatively narrow margin of victory. "You don't need distances to be convincing," he observed. The fact that the third, Wishing, was a further ten lengths away lends weight to Cecil's opinion, as does the time: more than a second faster than the better-class fillies' race over the same trip later in the afternoon.

Both Tenby and Commander In Chief are intended runners in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, at Ascot tomorrow week, if the ground is good. Should those conditions prevail, Eddery is expected to ride Commander In Chief with Irish champion Michael Kinane aboard Tenby.

Thus the Derby riding arrangements will be reversed, and Kinane will need no reminding that his 1990 King George winner, Belmez, was the lesser fancied of Shaikh Mohammed's pair that day. Meanwhile, Cecil insists that Tenby has never been better.

There has been talk that the Maktoum family do not intend to buy any yearlings at next week's prestigious Keeneland July sales in Kentucky. However, Paul Kelleway, the Newmarket trainer, fully intends to make the journey after saddling News And Echo to a surprise victory in the Milcars Fillies' Stakes.

The feature of this five-runner affair was that all the participants were unbeaten, although News And Echo claimed that distinction through being unraced. You would not have thought it judging by the way this filly battled through from last place in the straight to pip Overact by a neck.

"Last year was the first time I bought at Keeneland," a jubilant Kelleway said. "I've run three of the five I bought there and they are all winners. This filly reminds me of In The Groove, who was also by Night Shift, and she handled the soft ground well enough."

Kelleway trains News And Echo for David Sullivan, whose Queen Mary Stakes winner, Risky, will run in tomorrow's Weatherbys and Sales Super Sprint at Newbury only if the ground is good. Sullivan's racing manager, Eamon Connolly, will walk the course today before making a decision. Sunday's Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffite is an alternative.



Fallen hero: Tenby, the beaten Derby favourite, will be ridden by Michael Kinane in the King George at Ascot

Jockey Club in doping request

THE Jockey Club yesterday urged the BBC to make any new evidence of doping immediately available to police and racing's security staff. David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, warned that any failure to do so would be "demonstrably against the interests of the racing public".

He also demanded to know whether warned-off former jockey-trainer Dermot Browne has contributed to the *On The Line* episode Drug Runners, which is to be screened on July 28. Speculation mounted yesterday that Browne had been assisting researchers.

Pipe underlined his concern in a letter to Michael Parkinson, producer-reporter of the BBC2 programme, which claims to have uncovered more cases of horses being "got at" than have been previously confirmed. Among its participants is a man claiming to be a member of a doping gang who names favourites that have been "stopped" since the late 1980s.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CATRAIL
(3.30 Newbury)
Next best: Play With Me
(4.30 Newbury)

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.00 Jareef's Way
2.30 Little Munchkin
3.00 Mull House
3.30 Montendre
4.00 Asdaf
4.30 DUTOSKY (nap)
5.00 Teanarco

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 FELUCCA (nap). 3.30 Catrail.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 CATRAIL.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE UP TO 1M STRAIGHT

2.00 EBF ECCHINSWELL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,760: 6f 8yd) (17 runners)

101 (3) AIRSPEED FLYER (G Morby) R Akehurst 9-0 R Perham –
102 (12) 503 ARABOYBILL 9 (N Gay & B Barry) B Palling 9-0 A Clark 90
103 (1) ART TATUM (R Cohen & A Morris) R Hannon 9-0 R Hills –
104 (8) BAROSSA VALLEY (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –
105 (6) 5 GLITTERAZZI 9 (Mrs P Sheep) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 80
106 (17) 2 JAREEF'S WAY 20 (Mrs A Chandris) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery 99
107 (14) PERSONAL PRIDE (Dein Ltd) B Hills 9-0 R Cochrane –
108 (2) PLATINI (Highflyers) R Hannon 9-0 M Roberts –
109 (15) 0 TANBIH 36 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 W Carson –
110 (5) 60 VEDO NUDO 42 (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 9-0 P Robinson –
111 (10) WAAFED (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 W R Swinburn –
112 (11) 0 WILDFIRE 36 (R Kilby) R Akehurst 9-0 A Munro 80
113 (7) IOLANI (Mrs J Giles) R Charlton 8-9 S Raymont –
114 (4) 34 MILLICENT NORTH 25 (K Hogan) P Murphy 8-9 Paul Eddery 93
115 (9) 5 SCARLET DIVA 27 (The Queen) I Balding 8-9 L Dettori 86
116 (16) SEE MY GUEST (Seven Seas Racing) D Marks 8-9 S Dawson –
117 (13) SPARKLING ROBERTA (G Summers) M Usher 8-9 N Adams –

BETTING: 2-1 Barossa Valley, 7-2 Personal Pride, 5-1 Jareef's Way, 11-2 Platini, 10-1 Waafed, 14-1 Glitterazzi, Scarlet Diva, 16-1 Wildfire, 20-1 Art Tatum, 25-1 others.

1992: NORFOLK HERO 9-0 J Reid (2-1 fav) D B Murray-Smith 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARABOYBILL 3½l 3rd of 11 to Jacob Bogdani in a maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). ART TATUM (foaled Feb 11th, cost 11,000gns). Half-brother by Tate Gallery to Garden District, useful staying handicapper at three years. BAROSSA VALLEY (May 1st). Half-brother by Alzao to Windpower, 5f/6f winner at two and three years; dam very smart juvenile when winning Group III Queen Mary Stakes. JAREEF'S WAY ½l 2nd of 11 to Ramblold in a maiden at Chepstow (6f, good to firm). PERSONAL PRIDE (Mar 23rd). Half-brother by Personal Flag to Distinct Habit, 5f/6f juvenile winner in North America. PLATINI (Mar 22nd, 10,500gns). Half-brother to several winners abroad; dam winner in the North America. IOLANI (Apr 18th). Half-sister by Alzao to Nettle, dam useful 1m 4f winner at three years. MILLICENT NORTH 6¾l 4th of 21 to Bluegrass Prince in a maiden at Windsor (6f, good).
Selection: JAREEF'S WAY

2.30 WATERMILL CONDITIONS STAKES (£7,034: 7f 64yd) (11 runners)

201 (2) 2-52201 THOURIOS 7 (D,F,G) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 4-9-6 W R Swinburn 96
202 (3) 02-0446 SUNDAY'S HILL 55 (C,F,G) (S Hinson) M Blanshard 4-9-3 R Cochrane 87
203 (9) 11-6001 PEMBROKE 15 (C,D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-13 M Roberts 94
204 (6) 6-05300 SON PARDO 7 (C,F,G,S) (NTC Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-13 J Reid 93
205 (11) 21- GABR 276 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-9 W Carson 80
206 (8) 132-340 HUMAM 30 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 R Hills 99
207 (4) 21130-0 LITTLE MUNCHKIN 20 (G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 3-8-9 D Holland –
208 (5) 150-300 CARBON STEEL 55 (S) (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-8-7 Paul Eddery 86
209 (1) 1 CAVATINA 59 (D,F) (Hargate Stud Ltd) T Donnelly 3-8-4 S D Williams 73
210 (7) 31-03 FELUCCA 10 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-4 Pat Eddery 98
211 (10) 32-1 FIRST VEIL 14 (D,G) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-8-4 J Williams 85

BETTING: 3-1 Thourios, 7-2 Felucca, 9-2 Pembroke, 6-1 First Veil, 8-1 Humam, 10-1 Son Pardo, 12-1 Little Munchkin, 16-1 Gabr, 25-1 Sunday's Hill, Carbon Steel, 33-1 Cavatina.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

THOURIOS beat Tik Fa 1½l in a 7-runner stakes race at York (1m, good to firm) with SON PARDO (same terms) 9¾l 7th. PEMBROKE dead-heated with Tik Fa in a 6-runner stakes race at Yarmouth (7f, firm). GABR beat Bamburgh 2l in a 15-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good to soft). CAVATINA beat Diplomatist 3l in a 7-runner maiden at Beverley (7f, good to firm). FELUCCA neck 3rd of 11 to Toledo Queen in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). FIRST VEIL beat Wisham a neck in a 14-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, good).
Selection: FELUCCA

3.00 PLANNING CONSULTANCY HANDICAP (£4,889: 2m) (5 runners)

301 (1) 230102 MULL HOUSE 9 (CD,F,G) (M Lowry) F O'Mahony 6-10-0 W R Swinburn 99
302 (2) 0-05005 STAR QUEST 13 (D,G,S) (D Morris) J Jenkins 6-9-9 L Dettori 95
303 (5) 610/004 TALOS 21 (C,F,S) (K Al-Said) B Hills 5-9-6 D Holland 98
304 (4) 025-024 INTREPID LASS 20 (P Deal) H Candy 6-7-12 Antoinette Armes (7) 97
305 (3) 03/0555 NOBLE SOCIETY 14 (G Middlebrook) M Usher 5-7-7 N Adams 98

Long handicap: Noble Society 7-5.

BETTING: 11-8 Mull House, 5-2 Talos, 7-2 Intrepid Lass, 6-1 Star Quest, 20-1 Noble Society.

1992: MULL HOUSE 5-8-0 W Carson (100-30 fav) F O'Mahony 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MULL HOUSE was ½l 2nd of 9 to Rosina Mae in a handicap at Newmarket (2m, good to firm). TALOS 4l 4th of 6 to Amazon Express in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). INTREPID LASS was 2l 2nd of 15 to Balasani in a handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, soft). NOBLE SOCIETY was 5¼l 5th of 14 to Touching Times in a selling handicap at Goodwood (2m, good to firm).
Selection: INTREPID LASS

3.30 HACKWOOD STAKES (Listed: £11,034: 6f 8yd) (11 runners)

401 (7) 14-4234 MONTENDRE 29 (CD,F,G) (D Mort) M McCormack 6-9-4 J Reid 91
402 (1) 016-114 SPLICE 20 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-8-13 Pat Eddery 94
403 (4) 60-5141 LOOK WHO'S HERE 13 (D,G,S) (S Edwards) B McMahon 3-8-12 L Dettori 94
404 (6) 116-030 RAIN BROTHER 29 (D,G) (L Gaucci) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12 D Holland 85
405 (10) 430610 ARADANZA 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs P Lewis) M Channon 3-8-8 Paul Eddery 92
406 (8) 0-30500 BRIGG FAIR 10 (C,D,F,G) (J Norman) R Hannon 3-8-8 R Perham 86
407 (9) 1-151 CATRAIL 14 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 M Roberts 99
408 (3) 5-120 MIDHISH 8 (D,G) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 3-8-8 W R Swinburn 86
409 (5) 1-402 RUSTIC CRAFT 13 (D,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 3-8-8 R Cochrane 98
410 (2) 30-0044 STAR FAMILY FRIEND 48 (D) (Sheffield News) M Tompkins 3-8-7 P Robinson 83
411 (11) 40-3511 CARRANITA 21 (D,G) (Lamb Lane) B Palling 3-8-3 A Clark 82

BETTING: 11-10 Catrail, 9-2 Montendre, 6-1 Rustic Craft, 7-1 Splice, 8-1 Look Who's Here, 16-1 Aradanza, Midhish, 20-1 Rain Brother, Brigg Fair, 25-1 Carranita, 33-1 Star Family Friend.

1992: MONTENDRE 5-9-3 J Reid (6-1) M McCormack 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONTENDRE 5l 4th of 19 to College Chapel in group III Cork & Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, soft) with RAIN BROTHER (1lb worse off) 18l 14th and BRIGG FAIR (4lb better off) 17l 18th. SPLICE beat Double Blue 1l in 10-runner handicap at Newmarket (6f, good). Previously beat MONTENDRE (6lb better off) ½l in 7-runner listed race at Newmarket (6f, good). LOOK WHO'S HERE beat RUSTIC CRAFT (4lb better off) short-head in a 10-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, good). ARADANZA beat Troon head in a 13-runner handicap at York (6f, good to soft) with LOOK WHO'S HERE (5lb worse off) 2¾l 4th. CATRAIL beat Castlerea Lad 5l in a 7-runner stakes race at Haydock (6f, good). MIDHISH 1l 2nd of 4 to Lucky Parkes in a stakes race at Yarmouth (5f, firm). CARRANITA completed double, beat Sheila's Secret neck in a 5-runner stakes race at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: CATRAIL

4.00 CHATTIS HILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,497: 5f 34yd) (8 runners)

501 (1) ANN'S PEARL (Mrs P Levinson) P Makin 8-11 W R Swinburn –
502 (6) ASDAF (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 W Carson –
503 (8) 35 I'M YOUR LADY 9 (M Stokes) B McMahon 8-11 L Dettori 99
504 (2) LITTLE BEAUT (V Sulanani) S Woods 8-11 W Woods –
505 (7) MALAGA (Sultan Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 A Munro –
506 (4) 0 MARJORIE'S ORCHID 23 (F Sainsbury) M H-Ellis 8-11 D Holland 76
507 (3) SOUND OF THE BLUES (B Lalemani) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery –
508 (5) 0 SPOT PRIZE 24 (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-11 R Cochrane 92

BETTING: 9-4 Asdaf, 3-1 Sound Of The Blues, 7-2 I'm Your Lady, 6-1 Spot Prize, 10-1 Malaga, 12-1 Ann's Pearl, 20-1 Little Beaut, Marjorie's Orchid.

1992: POKER CHIP 8-11 R Cochrane (6-13 fav) I Balding 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANN'S PEARL (foaled May 8th). Half-sister by Cyrano de Bergerac to George James, 6f juvenile winner; dam a 5f winner at two years. ASDAF (Mar 9th, cost $225,000). By Forty Niner, first foal of a multiple winner in North America. I'M YOUR LADY around 3½l 5th of 11 to Prophecy in a maiden at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). LITTLE BEAUT (Apr 18). Sister by Prince Sabo to stable's Sebocan, 5f juvenile winner. MALAGA (Apr 28, 31,000gns). Half-sister by Tate Gallery to several sprint winners; dam 1m 1l winner at three years in France.
Selection: I'M YOUR LADY

4.30 WHITEHORSE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,752: 1m 2f 6yd) (9 runners)

601 (5) 112180 BAY QUEEN 23 (D,F,S) (B Warren) M Bell 9-7 M Fenton (3) 92
602 (9) 200-026 NEMEA 59 (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 9-2 Pat Eddery 92
603 (1) 0-13805 DUTOSKY 9 (D,F,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 9-0 R Cochrane 97
604 (8) 64-5102 PLAY WITH ME 24 (D,S) (Miss K Gearon) J Dunlop 8-13 L Dettori 94
605 (6) 444-00 MATARIS 38 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-4 W Carson 90
606 (4) 34-4231 SUSQUEHANNA DAYS 7 (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-1 Martin Dwyer (7) 99
607 (2) 4300-06 GOLD TASSEL 72 (Mrs W Fleming) R Hannon 8-1 M Roberts 90
608 (7) 153400 HOMEMAKER 21 (F,S) (Racecourse Farm) P Murphy 7-11 N Adams 98
609 (3) 000-0 MIMI 22 (R Mead) G Balding 7-9 S Dawson 81

BETTING: 11-4 Dutosky, 3-1 Play With Me, 4-1 Bay Queen, 9-2 Susquehanna Days, 6-1 Nemea, 8-1 others.

1992: ONLY ROYALE 9-7 L Dettori (7-4 fav) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAY QUEEN head 2nd of 14 to Major Yaasi in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm) with DUTOSKY (8lb better off) around 5¾l 6th. NEMEA 1l 2nd of 7 to Hazard A Guess in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). DUTOSKY around 3l 5th of 22 to Lyphard's Delta in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). PLAY WITH ME 1½l 2nd of 10 to Sarah-Clare in a handicap at Brighton (1m, good to firm). SUSQUEHANNA DAYS beat Giordano 3½l in an apprentice riders' maiden at Warwick (1m, good).
Selection: DUTOSKY (nap)

5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,611: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (3) 220-100 MOROCCO 28 (CD,F,S) (M Myers) R Charlton 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 92
2 (5) 335112 SILKY SIREN 15 (D,BF,F,G) (S Nixon) M Pipe 4-9-8 S Whitworth 98
3 (10) 50810 ARID 20 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-7 M Roberts 93
4 (6) 6-00001 SUPEROO 11 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs P Garner) J Sutcliffe 7-9-7 (5ex) Pat Eddery 95
5 (11) 00-0405 QUEEN OF SHANNON 23 (D,G,S) (Killoughery Family) D Morris 5-9-5 M Tebbutt 95
6 (1) 0-0423 NOBLE RISK 11 (Heathavon Stables) R Hannon 3-8-12 W R Swinburn 96
7 (4) 0350-56 TEANARCO 22 (D,F,G,S) (B Symonds) P Murphy 5-8-10 L Dettori 92
8 (7) 046230 TIFFANY'S CASE 3 (BF,G) (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 4-8-8 E Johnson 97
9 (12) 00-0044 COURT MINSTREL 9 (D,F) (G Knight) L Holt 4-8-7 J Reid 98
10 (2) 65036- STEPPIN HIGH 307 (G Moorstoff) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5 A Munro 89
11 (13) 6100-00 BROADWAY RUCKUS 9 (V,S) (Hesmonds Stud) D Laing 4-8-1 J Williams 90
12 (8) 0-05 UNIFICATION 34 (New House Farm) R Akehurst 4-8-0 N Adams –
13 (8) 634-031 TUMBLING 8 (D,F) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 5-7-10 (5ex) W Carson 99

BETTING: 3-1 Superoo, 6-1 Tiffany's Case, Tumbling, 7-1 Silky Siren, 8-1 Teanarco, 10-1 Arid, Noble Risk, 12-1 Morocco, Unification, 14-1 Queen Of Shannon, 16-1 Court Minstrel, 20-1 others.

1992: ECLIPSING 4-9-4 Pat Eddery (5-2) R Charlton 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOROCCO beat Cheveux Mitchell short-head in a 13-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft) with QUEEN OF SHANNON (5lb better off) ¾l 4th. SILKY SIREN 1½l 2nd of 6 to Veloce in an apprentice riders' handicap at Haydock (7f, good). SUPEROO beat Laurel Queen neck in an 11-runner handicap at Leicester (7f, good to firm) with TIFFANY'S CASE (6lb better off) ½l 3rd. COURT MINSTREL around 1½l 4th of 18 to Panchellita in a handicap at Kempton (7f, good) with BROADWAY RUCKUS (12lb worse off) 6l 7th. TUMBLING beating Casting Shadows 1½l in a 13-runner maiden handicap at Chepstow (7f, good to firm).
Selection: COURT MINSTREL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	12	39	30.8	Pat Eddery	50	253	19.8
H Cecil	28	94	29.8	W Carson	38	238	16.0
R Armstrong	7	28	25.0	L Dettori	24	158	15.2
J Gosden	18	95	18.9	M Roberts	33	235	14.0
H Thomson Jones	4	22	18.2	W R Swinburn	21	169	12.4
R Charlton	12	73	16.4	S Raymont	3	25	12.0

THIRSK

THUNDERER
2.10 Rousitto. 2.40 Kissing Cousin. 3.10 Manx Monarch. 3.40 Densben. 4.10 Manhattan Sunset. 4.40 Pixton. 5.10 Chantry Bellini.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 HUTTON WANDESLEY HANDICAP
(£3,260: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1 0125 KINOKO 20 (D,BF,G,S) K Hogg 5-9-11 K Darley 6
2 2512 PHARLY DANCER 6 (D,G) W Haigh 4-9-9 Dean McKeown 5
3 0425 ROUSITTO 3 (D,BF,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-9-4 W Ryan 4
4 0-00 ROAR ON TOUR 20 (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-13 Darren Moffatt (5) 3
5 0-34 WANZA 21 M Hammond 3-8-12 G Duffield 7
6 6532 PERSIAN SOLDIER 4 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-8 K Fallon 2
7 6523 SHARQUIN 4 (F,G) M Brittain 6-8-6 J Carroll 1

9-4 Pharly Dancer, 9-2 Persian Soldier, Sharquin, 5-1 Wanza, 7-1 others.

2.40 WESTOW CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,231: 7f) (4)

1 011 ORANGE PLACE 6 (D,G,S) M Bell 9-0 M Hills 2
2 01 LUGANO 23 (D,G) N Callaghan 8-12 K Darley 1
3 051 KISSING COUSIN 13 (G) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 4
4 1622 LAMBENT 13 (G) E Weymes 8-9 W Newnes 3

7-4 Lugano, 9-4 Orange Place, 5-2 Kissing Cousin, 7-2 Lambent.

3.10 NESS SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,721: 1m) (8)

1 0054 MULLED ALE 27 C Wall 9-7 G Duffield 1
2 2242 MANX MONARCH 1 K Hogg 9-5 A Garth (5) 3
3 -060 BOLD LINE 18 P Haslam 9-1 Dean McKeown 2
4 00-5 DUESSONG 60 F Lee 8-11 R Lappin 7
5 0004 PRESS ONWARD 18 M Johnston 8-6 T Williams 6
6 6000 SUMMERS DREAM 18 B Richmond 8-5 K Fallon 8
7 3000 DON'T TELL JEAN 18 (B) N Bycroft 8-5 L Charnock 5
8 0000 ALBEIT 18 C Thornton 8-2 J Fanning 4

5-4 Manx Monarch, 4-1 Mulled Ale, 5-1 Summers Dream, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from 28 runners, 32.1%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 15, 20.0%; B Beasley, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Johnston, 8 from 45, 17.8%; M Hammond, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Haslam, 3 from 20, 15.0%.
JOCKEYS: W Newnes, 8 winners from 32 rides, 25.0%; G Duffield, 22 from 114, 19.3%; W Ryan, 8 from 55, 14.5%; A McGlone, 3 from 21, 14.3%; Dean McKeown, 19 from 138, 13.8%; S Wood, 9 from 69, 13.0%.

3.40 BACK A WINNER BY TRAIN-TOTE HANDICAP (£3,348: 6f) (9)

1 1080 CATHERINES WELL 7 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 10-10-0 T Lucas 8
2 0600 DENSBEN 20 (C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 9-9-13 K Fallon 9
3 2060 PLUM FIRST 6 (B,CD,F,G) N Bycroft 3-9-1 B Maloney (3) 4
4 4110 SLADES HILL 39 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) T Barron 6-9-0 W Ryan 2
5 5085 SABO SONG 2 (F) P Haslam 3-8-13 S Webster 5
6 8340 BOLD COUNTY 10 (F) M Johnston 3-8-12 Dean McKeown 7
7 3050 INVIGILATE 6 (D,F,G) M Wane 4-8-9 Dale Gibson 1
8 0-80 EGG 20 (D,S) T Barron 3-8-7 T Williams 6
9 0240 SULLY'S CHOICE 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 12-7-10 S Wood 3

9-2 Densben, 11-2 Catherines Well, 13-2 Slades Hill, Sully's Choice, 7-1 Bold County, 8-1 Plum First, Invigilate, 10-1 Egg, Sabo Song.

4.10 EBF WESTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,449: 6f) (6)

1 566 BALLARD RING 6 J Wainwright 8-11 N Connorton 5
2 0 DAUNTLESS FORT 51 B Morley 8-11 L Charnock 6
3 34 DOUCE MAISON 27 A Jarvis 8-11 B Doyle (3) 3
4 3 MANHATTAN SUNSET 13 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 Stephen Davies (5) 4
5 0 MUSICAL MARCH 15 E Weymes 8-11 W Newnes 1
6 POTSCLOSE M Johnston 8-11 Dean McKeown 2

6-4 Manhattan Sunset, 2-1 Douce Maison, 7-2 Potsclose, 11-2 Musical March, 20-1 Ballard Ring, 25-1 others.

4.40 THIRSK LICENSED TRADERS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,552: 7f) (9)

1 -580 GRANDERISE 39 N Tinkler 9-0 L Charnock 6
2 0 JIMMY HIMSELF 8 K Burke 9-0 T Sprake 7
3 4 MO-ADDAB 18 A Stewart 9-0 A McGlone 9
4 5 PIXTON 46 Mrs J Cecil 9-0 G Duffield 1
5 00 CUT FINE 14 Mrs J Cecil 8-9 J Carroll 5
6 DUELETTA E Weymes 8-9 W Newnes 3
7 MISS RITZ W Haigh 8-9 Dale Gibson 4
8 0 SYLVIA MACUSHLA 24 A Jarvis 8-9 B Doyle (3) 8
9 0 WARM TOES 46 J Balfall 8-9 Dean McKeown 2

1-2 Pixton, 2-1 Mo-Addab, 8-1 Cut Fine, 20-1 Warm Toes, 25-1 others.

5.10 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,924: 1m) (8)

1 0050 BRESIL 8 A Jarvis 4-9-10 B McGrath (8) 7
2 -582 FORT VALLY 27 (B) B Murray 3-9-9 G Parkin 5
3 2312 SOOTY TERN 23 (D,BF,F,G) J Bradley 6-9-7 Mark Denaro 6
4 -0053 CHANTRY BELLINI 15 (B,G) C Thornton 4-9-4 G Mills (10) 3
5 0034 ESSAYEFFSEE 18 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1 S Copp (8) 8
6 1015 BRACKENTHWAITE 89 (D,G) T Barron 3-9-1 Kimberley Hart (10) 1
7 580- YOUNG JASON 269 (CD,F,G,S) F Lee 10-8-12 J Dennis (5) 4
8 3460 VIKING WATERS 8 B Beasley 3-8-12 R Havlin 2

3-1 Sooty Tern, 7-2 Essayeffsee, Chantry Bellini, 6-1 Fort Vally, 7-1 Young Jason, 10-1 Bresil, 12-1 Brackenthwaite, 20-1 Viking Waters.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.20 Moving Image. 2.50 Must Be Magical. 3.20 Dakota Brave. 3.50 Turfmans Vision. 4.20 Demi-Plie. 4.50 Northern Judy. 5.20 Broughton's Port.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EMPEROR HANDICAP
(£3,131: 5f) (11 runners)

1 4335 SPRING HIGH 15 (B,CD,F,G) K Ivory 6-9-12 M Wigham 8
2 4005 NO QUARTER GIVEN 35 (D,F,G,S) P Felgate 8-9-11 G Hind 5
3 3265 GIRL NEXT DOOR 4 (C,G) A Hamby 3-8-6 P McCabe (7) 11
4 6300 COMET WHIRLPOOL 14 (B,C,G) Pat Mitchell 3-9-3 J Quinn 1
5 00-2 JESS REBEC 7 (D,F) J Banks 5-9-3 N Carlisle 6
6 4000 NILU 14 (G) B McMahon 5-9-2 T Quinn 7
7 -043 CONVENIENT MOMENT 18 (BF,D,G,S) J Berry 3-9-2 G Carter 2
8 5105 MOVING IMAGE 14 (CD,G,S) H Collingridge 3-9-1 C Dwyer 3
9 0000 PRETTY CHIC 10 D Chapman 4-8-11 D Pears (5) 4
10 0000 WE'RE ALL GAME 14 (V,D,S) B Morgan 4-8-11 N Kennedy (3) 9
11 5234 FAMILY ROSE 6 (V) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-4 D Harrison (3) 10

9-4 Spring High, 3-1 No Quarter Given, 5-1 Comet Whirlpool, 6-1 Jess Rebec, 8-1 Moving Image, 9-1 Convenient Moment, 14-1 others.

2.50 KPMG PEAT MARWICK SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m 4f) (11)

1 6000 NEVENTER 14 M Chapman 4-10-0 V Smith 2
2 -00 GREEN'S SEAGO 15 (C,G) J Harris 5-9-5 J Quinn 5
3 0053 ANAR 4 (V,F) S Norton 4-9-2 D Pears (5) 6
4 3040 FIRST FLING 65 J Scargill 4-9-2 G Hind 8
5 2653 MUST BE MAGICAL 15 (CD,G) J Mackie 5-9-1 G Carter 10
6 -525 SULUK 2 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 8-9-0 S Perks 7
7 /0/0 MELANCOLIA 16 (B,G) J Glover 7-9-0 J Fortune 1
8 5506 MR WISHING WELL 81 (E,CD,G,S) S Dow 7-9-0 T Quinn 11
9 /66- AT PEACE 350J (B) J White 7-8-13 R Price 9
10 P000 SIMPLY SUPERB 8 M W Easterby 3-8-9 C Munday (7) 4
11 39-6 SPANISH WHISPER 27 (F) J Bostock 6-8-2 D Wright (5) 3

2-1 Mr Wishing Well, 3-1 Suluk, 5-1 Anar, 6-1 First Fling, 8-1 Spanish Whisper, 14-1 Must Be Magical, 20-1 others.

3.20 LATHAM CABERBOARD MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243.00: 6f) (9)

1 BAROSKI J Harris 9-0 J Quinn 5
2 50 DAKOTA BRAVE 11 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 D Harrison (3) 3
3 04 FOUR OF SPADES 14 B Beasley 9-0 J Fortune 9
4 3 HASTY BANK 25 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 M Birch 4
5 5050 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 11 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 7
6 56 OVALWORLD 22 D Chapman 9-0 D Pears (5) 6
7 OZZIE JONES M Chapman 9-0 D McCabe (5) 8
8 SEDIMENTARY G Bravery 9-0 C Hodgson (5) 2
9 45 BOLD TIME MONKEY 15 J Berry 8-9 G Carter 1

5-4 Hasty Bank, 3-1 Dakota Brave, 5-1 Bold Time Monkey, 13-2 Heathyards Crusade, 12-1 Four Of Spades, 20-1 others.

3.50 GARBOS NIGHTCLUB RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,821.10: 2m) (7)

1 00-0 C D SHAREPLAN 9 M Channon 9-0 G Carter 4
2 -500 DOOGAREY 62 J White 9-0 R Price 5
3 0324 FLAMING MIRACLE 14 P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 7
4 -085 MUNNASIB 45 (F) Miss G Kelleway 9-0 D McCabe (5) 3
5 5424 TURFMANS VISION 8 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 1
6 6422 MOUNTAIN WILLOW 42 (B) Mrs V Aconley 8-9 J Lowe 6
7 -044 SCOTTISH WEDDING 7 S Norton 8-9 D Pears (5) 2

5-2 Flaming Miracle, 3-1 Scottish Wedding, 4-1 Turfmans Vision, 5-1 Mountain Willow, 6-1 C D Shareplan, 10-1 others.

4.20 THOMPSON JEWITT INTERNATIONAL CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,243: 7f) (9)

1 4212 PASSION SUNDAY 2 (D,F) M H Easterby 9-7 M Birch 6
2 3301 TRENDY DANCER 6 (C,G) S Norton 8-13 D Pears (5) 1
3 STAR TRAVELLER P Burgoyne 8-11 M Wigham 8
4 4011 DEMI-PLIE 13 (V,D,F) D Loder 8-9 G Carter 5
5 3326 WINDOW DISPLAY 7 (S) M Channon 8-7 T Quinn 3
6 0405 OLYMPIC BID 14 J Berry 8-6 J Fortune 2
7 00 LONE RISK 13 (B) C Allen 8-5 G Forster (7) 4
8 85 FINISHING KIND 30 (V) Bob Jones 8-2 J Quinn 7
9 006 BIEN CUIT 24 S Dow 7-12 D Harrison (3) 9

9-4 Demi-Plie, 3-1 Window Display, 4-1 Passion Sunday, 5-1 Trendy Dancer, 9-1 Olympic Bid, 14-1 Bien Cuit, 16-1 others.

4.50 RED ADMIRAL LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,131: 1m) (4)

1 1234 CHARLIE BIGTIME 2 (V,CD,G) Miss G Kelleway 9-0 D McCabe (5) 1
2 4045 MELODIC DRIVE 27 P Felgate 9-0 G Hind 2
3 0-05 NORTHERN JUDY 27 R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 3
4 2630 RED COTTON 11 M Stoves 8-9 P D'Arcy 4

Evens Red Cotton, 11-8 Charlie Bigtime, 8-1 Melodic Drive, 14-1 Northern Judy

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,365: 7f) (8)

1 1390 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 30 (CD,G,S) A Stringer 3-9-10 T Quinn 2
2 534 BROUGHTON'S PORT 28 W Musson 3-9-3 D McCabe (5) 5
3 4843 GLENFIELD GRETA 8 (B,F) P Felgate 5-9-2 G Hind 7
4 6053 BASSIO 27 (H,C,D,F,G) C Allen 4-8-9 W Hood 3
5 0000 ROCK SONG 18 (D,F) J Mackie 4-8-3 D Wright (5) 4
6 0050 DANDY DESIRE 8 (B) B Morgan 4-8-0 J Quinn 6
7 -060 VERRO 22 (B,C,G,S) J Bennett 6-7-7 J Lowe 1
8 0-00 SWYNFORD FLYER 67 J Bottomley 4-7-7 N Kennedy (3) 8

2-1 Glenfield Greta, 5-2 Broughton's Port, 5-1 Bassio, Nellie's Gamble, 7-1 Dandy Desire, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 6 winners from 16 runners, 37.5%; P Cole, 11 from 49, 22.4%; W Musson, 5 from 24, 20.8%; S Norton, 21 from 115, 18.3%; A Stringer, 6 from 35, 17.1%; J Bennett, 4 from 26, 15.4%.
JOCKEYS: D McCabe, 8 from 43 runners, 18.6%; D Pears, 13 from 71, 18.3%; G Carter, 35 from 262, 13.4%; M Birch, 9 from 67, 13.4%; J Fortune, 10 from 75, 13.3%; T Quinn, 18 from 138, 13.0%.

□ Spartan Shareef, trained by Clive Brittain, runs in the group three Gran Premio Citta di Napoli on Sunday in Naples, host to Italy's Breeders' Cup day. He will be joined at the meeting by Whatcombe, trained by Paul Cole, and Michael Bell's Michelle Hicks, who contest the FIA Breeders' Cup, Danish, trained by Michael Kauntze, represents Ireland.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
6.30 King Paris. 7.00 Mack The Knife. 7.30 Trapezium. 8.00 Usaidit. 8.30 Bright Paragon. 9.00 Rare Bird.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.00 Rare Bird.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.30 YELLOW LABEL CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,080: 1m) (11 runners)

1 0014 KING PARIS 11 (CD,BF,F,G) M Bell 9-6 M Fenton (3) 5
2 3220 ANORAK 10 L Cumani 9-4 R Cochrane 10
3 3-55 DANNY BLUE 8 (B) Miss G Kelleway 9-4 A Munro 1
4 EASTERN CHARLY R Guest 9-0 S Eiffert (7) 9
5 MISTER FORUM B Meehan 8-10 Pat Eddery 7
6 8 RIVA ROCK 20 W Musson 8-10 G Faulkner (7) 11
7 WATER GYPSY M Heaton-Ellis 8-9 D Holland 6
8 -422 STRIKE-A-POSE 15 (F,G) C Williams 8-1 D Harrison (3) 3
9 3650 A BADGE TOO FAR S J Scargill 7-13 D Biggs 8
10 0500 MISS RIBBONS 6 Pat Mitchell 7-13 Kim McDonnell (7) 4
11 -540 WALID'S PRINCESS 18 (BF,F) J Wharton 7-13 M Roberts 2

9-4 King Paris, 11-4 Anorak, 9-2 Strike-A-Pose, 11-2 Danny Blue, 8-1 Water Gypsy, 12-1 Eastern Charly, Mister Forum, 16-1 others.

7.00 ST PETERSBURG CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,761: 1m 4f) (6)

1 14-1 MACK THE KNIFE 8 (B,C,D,F,G) W Hern 4-9-9 L Piggott 2
2 2-13 SONUS 20 (D,BF,F,G) J Gosden 4-9-9 M Roberts 5
3 42-3 ALWAYS FRIENDLY 90 (D,G,S) H Candy 5-9-0 A Munro 4
4 4444 FITZCARRALDO 23 (F) L Cumani 3-8-4 R Cochrane 3
5 0-1 TEEN JAY 32 (S) G Wragg 3-8-4 M Hills 1
6 643 RANI 13 C Brittain 3-7-13 W Carson 6

2-1 Sonus, 9-4 Rani, 3-1 Mack The Knife, 5-1 Fitzcarraldo, 7-1 Always Friendly, 14-1 Teen Jay.

7.30 NICOLE PONSARDIN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,687: 6f) (14) SKY

1 04 DASHING MARCH 6 M Saunders 4-8-1 J Williams 10
2 -260 ASHAR 72 D Elsworth 3-9-0 L Piggott 11
3 MAKIN W Hern 3-9-0 W Carson 14
4 352- PISTON 274 B Hanbury 3-9-0 W R Swinburn 4
5 354 SO INTREPID 14 P Harris 3-9-0 Paul Eddery 9
6 50- SUNNYVIEW LAD 253 P Haslam 3-9-0 N Carlisle 3
7 0 ZAJKO 14 (V) J Gosden 3-9-0 L Dettori 12
8 0 AQUILETTA 14 (BF) C Booth 3-8-9 T Quinn 6
9 CIRCLE OF CHALK R Charlton 3-8-9 Pat Eddery 13
10 FASHION QUEEN Bob Jones 3-8-9 B Raymond 2
11 2 PENNY FAN 13 (BF) H Candy 3-8-9 A Munro 1
12 5- PRIMOCELLE 338 H Candy 3-8-9 Sarah Holland (7) 7
13 5520 PRINCESS HAYLEY 37 M Stoute 3-8-9 R Cochrane 5
14 -230 TRAPEZIUM 10 L Cumani 3-8-9 M Roberts 8

11-4 Circle Of Chalk, 4-1 Trapezium, 9-2 Princess Hayley, 6-1 Penny Fan, 7-1 Makin, 8-1 Piston, 10-1 Zajko, 14-1 So Intrepid, 20-1 Ashar, 33-1 others.

8.00 PRIX DE LA GRANDE DAME HANDICAP (£5,162: 1m 2f) (12) SKY

1 1111 ALDERBROOK 27 (D,G,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 12
2 0-50 STARLIGHT FLYER 13 (B,F,G,S) J Long 6-9-7 L Dettori 11
3 4220 DREAMS END 14 (CD,G,S) J Scargill 5-9-3 G Hind 6
4 0410 WAINWRIGHT 14 (F) J Gosden 4-9-1 M Roberts 8
5 1/2 TOP SHIEL 34 (D,G) L Cumani 5-9-0 R Cochrane 5
6 0211 USAIDIT 21 (CD,G,S) T Mills 4-8-13 J Reid 7
7 06-5 CANNY CHRONICLE 55J (F,G,S) M Tompkins 5-8-13 S Mulvey (7) 4
8 -600 BOLD STROKE 62 (D,F,S) J Dunlop 4-8-13 W Carson 9
9 1113 SOVEREIGN PAGE 14 (D,BF,F,G) B Hanbury 4-8-10 J Tate (5) 3
10 3050 BARFORD LAD 14 (CD,F,S) J Fanshawe 6-8-6 A Munro 2
11 40-5 LIGHT HAND 27 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Tompkins 7-8-7 P Robinson 10
12 4602 YILDIZ 24 (D,F,G) B Hills 4-8-6 Pat Eddery 1

3-1 Alderbrook, 7-2 Usaidit, 5-1 Sovereign Page, 6-1 Top Shiel, 8-1 Dreams End, Wainwright, 10-1 Yildiz, 12-1 Barford Lad, 14-1 Light Hand, 20-1 others.

8.30 CLICQUOT ROSE HANDICAP (£3,720: 6f) (9) SKY

1 3510 BLUE TOPAZE 28 (D,F,G,S) M Saunders 5-10-0 J Williams 8
2 6000 CLAYBANK 16 (C,G) B Hills 4-10-0 W Carson 7
3 0230 MERRYHILL MAID 13 (CD,F,G) J Harris 5-9-9 R Cochrane 5
4 4204 BLUE GRIT 10 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 7-9-9 J Tate (5) 6
5 5160 FIGHTER SQUADRON 20 (B,F,G) J Glover 4-9-7 S D Williams (3) 4
6 2303 MARTINOSKY 15 (D,BF,F,G) G Bravery 7-9-7 W R Swinburn 2
7 0064 RACING TELEGRAPH 2 (D,G) J Pearce 3-8-8 M Wigham 9
8 -000 ROCA MURADA 24 (G) M Ryan 4-8-7 P Robinson 3
9 6123 BRIGHT PARAGON 10 (G) H Collingridge 4-8-2 J Quinn 1

11-4 Bright Paragon, 3-1 Claybank, 9-2 Martinosky, 5-1 Blue Grit, 7-1 Roca Murada, 8-1 Blue Topaze, 12-1 Merryhill Maid, 14-1 others.

9.00 WIDOW MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,915: 7f) (6)

1 EDWINA M Bell 8-11 M Hills 3
2 0 FAIRY HEIGHTS 8 N Callaghan 8-11 Pat Eddery 1
3 JANGADA B Hills 8-11 W Carson 5
4 LA QUICA P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 2
5 RARE BIRD H Cecil 8-11 M Roberts 4
6 SONG OF YEARS J Hills 8-11 R Hills 6

4-6 Rare Bird, 7-2 La Quica, 11-2 Edwina, 7-1 Fairy Heights, 10-1 Jangada, 12-1 Song Of Years.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 70 winners from 314 runners, 22.3%; W Hern, 20 from 90, 22.2%; M Stoute, 50 from 272, 18.4%; J Gosden, 38 from 220, 17.3%; J Fanshawe, 15 from 90, 16.7%; J Glover, 3 from 18, 16.7%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 84 winners from 462 rides, 18.2%; W R Swinburn, 59 from 374, 15.8%; W Carson, 79 from 526, 15.0%; M Hills, 35 from 241, 14.5%; L Dettori, 58 from 415, 13.5%; L Piggott, 20 from 151, 13.2%.

SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): What Lola Wants, Cashmiriana, Red Rosette.

□ Ascot has appointed army officer Douglas Erskine Crum to become its racecourse director from the end of 1994. He will take over responsibility for the running of the track on the retirement of current clerk of the course Nicholas Beaumont. Erskine Crum, 44, will join the course early next year to get used to his new role. A new clerk will also be appointed.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
6.45 Sunderland Echo. 7.15 Aegaen Lady. 7.45 High Low. 8.15 Murray's Mazda. 8.45 Grey Toppa. 9.15 Farndale.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 SUNDAY MAIL HANDICAP
(£2,343: 1m 4f 17yd) (5 runners)

1 1-42 SUNDERLAND ECHO 20 (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-12 K Darley 1
2 3-40 MURID 20 R Lamb 4-9-2 J Weaver (3) 2
3 0-03 NATIVE CROWN 11 Mrs S Bradburne 5-7-12 A Garth (5) 4
4 0135 RAPID MOVER 4 (B,C,S) T Craig 6-7-7 A Mackay 3
5 50-0 BRUSQUE 20 (CD,S) Don Enrico Incisa 9-7-7 Kim Tinkler 5

11-10 Sunderland Echo, 7-2 Murid, 4-1 Rapid Mover, 5-1 Native Crown, 8-1 Brusque.

7.15 CLYDE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,005: 1m 3l 16yd) (7) SKY

1 3226 LE TEMERAIRE 30 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 7-9-3 Kim Tinkler 1
2 2144 AEGAEN LADY 30 (C,S) J Etherington 4-8-12 J Weaver (3) 6
3 0464 JOHN NAMAN 11 P Monteith 4-8-9 A Mackay 5
4 0334 PALACEGATE SUNSET 42 (B,C,S) J Berry 3-8-8 P Roberts (7) 7
5 LORLANNE R Allan 3-8-5 T Williams 2
6 2263 FRIENDLY KNIGHT 25 J Haldane 3-8-1 K Darley 3
7 -003 BLUE RADIANCE 11 (F) T Fairhurst 3-7-10 J Fanning 4

2-1 Aegaen Lady, 11-4 Blue Radiance, 7-2 Le Temeraire, 11-2 Friendly Knight, 7-1 Palacegate Sunset, 16-1 others.

7.45 LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER HANDICAP (£3,260: 1m 65yd) (5) SKY

1 00-0 HIGH LOW 74 (D,F,G) W Haggas 5-9-12 N Day 1
2 3441 SPANISH VERDICT 10 (CD,F,S) Denys Smith 6-9-3 (5ex) N Connorton 2
3 3022 EXPRESS GIFT 21 (BF,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-12 K Darley 4
4 0023 STRAW THATCH 11 (S) R Allan 4-7-13 T Williams 5
5 2522 MASTER OF THE HOUSE 8 M Hammond 7-7-8 L Charnock 3

3-4 Express Gift, 5-2 Spanish Verdict, 11-4 Master Of The House, High Low, 6-1 Straw Thatch.

8.15 CAROUSEL SNOWBALL SELLING STAKES (£1,674: 6f 5yd) (5) SKY

1 -034 AYR RAIDER 53 (V,CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 6-9-7 J Fanning 2
2 5166 MU-ARRIK 37 (V,D,F) G Oldroyd 5-9-7 P Houghton (7) 4
3 2222 MURRAY'S MAZDA 15 (CD,F,G) J Berry 4-9-7 J Carroll 1
4 6236 OBSIDIAN GREY 14 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 6-9-7 G Duffield 5
5 1646 PRINCIPAL PLAYER 4 (S) P Monteith 3-9-7 K Darley 3

5-4 Murray's Mazda, 2-1 Ayr Raider, 5-1 Obsidian Grey, 6-1 Principal Player, 12-1 Mu-Arrik.

8.45 JOE PUNTER NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,280: 6f 5yd) (6)

1 1623 MISS MAH-JONG 14 (G) M Johnston 9-7 Dean McKeown 2
2 2412 MOKAITE 11 (F) M Hammond 9-4 J Marshall (7) 3
3 2481 BELLA PARKES 38 (D,F) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 4
4 3322 TURTLE ROCK 15 (BF) S Norton 8-10 K Darley 1
5 300 DANGEROUS SHADOW 25 Mrs M Reveley 8-7 J Fanning 6
6 030 GREY TOPPA 18 Denys Smith 7-10 F Norton 5

9-4 Miss Mah-Jong, 5-2 Bella Parkes, 4-1 Turtle Rock, 6-1 Mokaite, 13-2 Dangerous Shadow, 8-1 Grey Toppa.

9.15 GINESTRI ICE CREAM MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,301: 5f 4yd) (3)

1 0-52 FARNDALE 19 B Morgan 6-9-10 G Duffield 2
2 08-0 FLASH OF JOY 17 D Burchell 3-8-9 R Price 1
3 0005 JOELLISE 10 (V) J Balding 3-8-6 Claire Balding (7) 3

1-3 Farndale, 3-1 Joellise, 10-1 Flash Of Joy.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Haggas, 3 winners from 13 runners, 23.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 82, 22.0%; J Etherington, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Berry, 51 from 261, 19.5%; S G Norton, 13 from 67, 19.4%; M Johnston, 21 from 127, 16.5%.
JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 43 from 222 rides, 19.4%; Dean McKeown, 38 from 214, 17.8%; K Darley, 39 from 242, 16.1%; J Weaver, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Fanning, 17 from 123, 13.8%; G Duffield, 20 from 171, 11.7%.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 6.30 Danny Blue. 7.30 Zajko. SOUTHWELL: 2.20 We're All Game, Family Rose. 2.50 Melancolia. 4.20 Lone Risk, Finishing Kind. 4.50 Charlie Bigtime. THIRSK: 3.10 Don't Tell Jean.

Barker's timely boost

WILLIAM Barker, the Richmond trainer, received the birthday present he wanted at Catterick yesterday when MCA Below The Line gave him his first winner of the season in the Cataractonium Handicap.

The 12-1 winner, ridden by Stuart Webster, raced up with the pace throughout, and held on gamely by a length from Super Benz.

The stewards questioned whether Webster had given the five-year-old time to respond to the whip, but decided he was within the new stick regulations.

Paul Cole produced a potentially useful juvenile when West Quest, owned by Fahd Salman, won the Wood House Maiden Stakes by a length-and-a-half from Callabonna, in spite of running green.

RAPIDS RACELINE
FULL RESULTS SERVICE
0891-168-168
0891 168+ BEFORE THE OFF / RESULTS / COMMENTARY

NEWBURY	101	201	301
THIRSK	102	202	302
SOUTHWELL	103	203	303
NEWM'KT	104	204	304
HAMILTON	105	205	305
KILBEGGAN	120	220	320
G'HOUNDS	122	222	422

Calls charged at 36p/min cheap rate, 48p/min at all other times.

Wild Thing with killer swing tamed by challenge of St George's


Feherty: mismatched



Andrew Longmore witnesses the power of John Daly and the often unnerving effect it can have on his playing partners

The book of *The Killer Swing* was on sale at the Open Championship for all those who missed the real John Daly yesterday. But there should be a government warning issued with *each copy*. Unless you have forearms as powerful as jackhammers, shoulders as broad as Pall Mall and a nerve strong enough to ignore the hazards of one of the most feared golf courses in the world, the "grip it and rip it" technique can seriously damage your health.

Just ask poor David Feherty, who had the ill-fortune to be mismatched with Daly — and another powerhouse, Ian Woosnam — yesterday and was relegated to the role of a second in a heavyweight title bout. Echoing the advice given to Daly by Jack Nicklaus the previous day, Feherty was advised to "play your own game" by an on-course sage. He did. But it wasn't golf. At least not the sort of drive-and-putt golf favoured by the Wild Thing, who showed an unbecoming ability to scrape and scramble as well in his one-over-par 71.

If the delicate morale of the laconic Irishman survived double bogeys on the opening two holes, it was shattered at the 13th, where he was 120 yards short of the American's drive of 370 yards. "It was like playing on my own with a two-ball in front of me," Feherty said. "When he hit one of those drives, I just felt like going to the beach."

With at least four visits to the bunkers, he saw enough sand for one day anyway and, after a miserable round of 77, seven over par, Feherty had the best excuse for seeking consolation at the 19th hole, a favoured haunt of the pre-reformation Daly.

At times yesterday, Daly, blond and bronzed, looked as forlorn as a surfer on a millpond and he is beginning to learn that, in links golf, the instinct to entertain has to be tempered by caution. Twice, he rejected his driver in favour of an iron, though so mighty is the arc of the American's swing, even his iron shots squeezed gasps of disbelief from an enormous and appreciative gallery.

Unfortunately for those who would like to see him become fully committed to the Open, even win it one day, Daly does not yet know his own strength.

Time and again, he hit through the green and was left with an awkward chip or long putt back. That he repaired most of the damage, sinking putts of 12 and 15 feet to salvage pars on the back nine, is a tribute to the short, less publicised, part of his game.

Daly is also trying manfully to control his natural impatience but the lofty, lazy trajectory of his shots guarantee that his education in British ways will be long and painful.

With luck, because win or lose he is an irresistible attraction, the American will show the same persistence and have the same success in overcoming the difficulties as he has in stabilising his wayward personal life.

Yesterday was only his fifth round in the Open and he seemed satisfied enough with the outcome. He endured the worst conditions of the day, rain and mist frequently obliterating the outline of the Richborough power station, which provided a suitably industrial backdrop to his round.

"That was the best I've hit the ball over here," he said. "I'm still not used to this sort of golf. Some good shots turn out horrible and some horrible shots turn out good and that hits your confidence in the golf course. You just can't afford to think ahead."

Brought up on the whoopin' and a'hollerin' of the American crowds, he was equally mystified by the gentility of the British. "Back home, they say a lot of loud things. Over here, they applaud everyone. They don't go crazy. I guess *that* goes with the tradition of golf. But if they want to go crazy, that's fine with me. I'm an entertainer and I feed off the crowd. I can't block them out."

Quite what will come next, not even Daly would *dare to* guess. Given a slice of luck on a putt or two, he might have been better placed going into the second round today.

Woosnam, too. The Welshman, who finished with a 72, missed two putts from inside three feet *and*, at times, looked as if he expected to miss every time until he finally sunk a tricky one at the 15th.

Like Daly, he has known better days. Compared to Feherty, though, he was in clover. The Irishman hurried away after his ignominious round. In search of a copy of *The Killer Swing*, no doubt.

Lyle falls away after reviving fond memories



DAVID MILLER
At the Open Championship

FOR 13 holes, the 1985 champion was going a treat. Then, suddenly, Sandy Lyle was no longer with us, at least not at Sandwich. From two under par, he drifted away with the scudding low clouds that scraped the church spires of Ramsgate across the bay.

A final score of par 70 was, to repeat his own words of the day before after practice, tidy if not fantastic. It had been, at times, within inches of becoming one of the foremost performances of this first day of the 122nd Open Championship, *played, characteristically*, without visible effort. "I like to be laid back about things," Lyle said. Any further back and he will be asleep on the fairway.

His demeanour and that of his colleagues for the round, Ian Baker-Finch, the *1991* champion, and Scott Simpson, is a far cry from the loutish sportsmen we have recently seen at Wimbledon, so infuriatingly tolerated by the All England Club, as though loutishness is an inescapable contemporary ingredient. The All England Club should come and have a look at golf.

The focal point of Lyle's round was an exceptional bunker shot at the ninth, as remarkable, in its way, as that to the 18th green that won him the US Masters in 1988. It was from that moment in Augusta, of course, that Lyle's game disappeared off the golfing map. Now, at 35, he has found something of a renaissance.

The 9th at Sandwich is fiendish. Six lobster-pot bunkers, two centrally across the fairway awaiting your tee shot and four around the green, devour the slightest error or unlucky bounce on the fairway, though rain has lessened the latter menace. Lyle's ball lay in the middle of the bunker, confronted by a 5ft wall of turf. Such was the back-spin on the lift he gave the ball that the ball, pitching 20 feet beyond the pin, ran back at least ten feet.

From nine feet or so, he holed for a birdie three to again go one-under, as he had at the second, only immediately to bogey the third when missing from seven feet. Outdriving his partners at almost every hole, the accuracy of his play was evident from the fact that five times - at the 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th - he was within four inches or less of birdie putts.

He was as steady as can be, in wretched weather conditions, but few of the 28,000 crowd were paying him much attention. For them, he is still yesterday's man.

Setting off with that crabby, asymetric walk, he had begun with a drive that almost cleared the tented village and eau-de-hamburger alongside the first fairway. He holed from seven feet to birdie the second and for the only time three-putted on the long elliptical third green to surrender the shot just gained.

'Such is Lyle's nature that he has said he is going into this Open Championship with *more confidence* than he did in 1985'

The rain slanted down, sky and sea merging into a uniform slate grey, the trees inland shrouded with mist. His glorious tee shot soared over the formidable tank-trap *hill bunkers at the fourth* and his first putt was only six inches adrift.

Turning east at the 5th, the wind was set fair for France and his first putt grazed the lip from 20 feet. At the short 6th, the postage-stamp green surrounded by four bunkers, he hit a five-iron to six feet. His first putt looked down the hole but refused to drop. At the par-5 7th, impossibly positioned in deep rough from the tee, he had to chip out square, and recovered with a beautiful long iron to within 20 feet to save par.

Following his bunker shot at the ninth, he holed from nine feet at the 10th to go two-under after slide-rule tee and approach shots. The rain returned with renewed vigour, but from 25 feet beyond the short 11th, he first-putted to within six inches: and was only three inches adrift putting at the 12th, four inches at the 13th.

Now, however, he metaphorically went home. Going from rough to rough on the left of the 14th fairway, he recovered to within 18 inches, but failed to hold par as his put rolled a foot past. Out of rough into a bunker at the 15th, he held par when holing from four and a half feet.

Approaching the 17th, his short iron flew into the spectator stand, the error apparent with the ball half-way there as *he followed through one-handed* in dismay, then taking an age deciding whether to play from under scaffolding or accept a difficult free drop from behind a mound.

Opting for the latter, he was back to evens, yet closed his round with a splendid chip from the edge of the 18th, so different from the moment his nerve went with the trophy almost in his hands eight years ago.

Such is Lyle's nature that he *has said that he is going into* this week's tournament with more confidence than he did in 1985. "A few weeks before that Open, I was walking off courses, not even finishing off my scorecard. I think I am more in control of myself, knowing what I'm doing." Whether he can string together four rounds, given his relative lack of tournament practice, is another matter.

IAN STEWART


Shot from the past: Lyle chips at the 18th yesterday, as he did in 1985

Higgins plays waiting game

JOE Higgins had a pig of a day at Royal St George's yesterday. The 33-year-old Midlander from Ketley driving range in Telford had to endure the frustration of being the first reserve, which meant suffering the agonies of hanging around waiting to *see if anyone slipped in the* shower, fell off a buggy on the way to the practice ground or incapacitated themselves in any other way.

His main hopes lay with two Americans, David Edwards and Tom Purtzer, but, to his chagrin, they were patched together by the European tour's physios and played away.

Higgins had been kicking his heels since he won a play-off at Royal Cinque Ports on Monday, to become "head-waiter": "It's been one of the most frustrating experiences of my life," he said, "and it's been made even worse knowing I'm playing well. I'm gutted not to have the chance." Eventually, Higgins gave up waiting at about lunch-time — the last players did not go off until 4.20pm — and headed for home, saying "That's it. I'm off. I've had enough".

Presumably, the Royal and Ancient, an understanding bunch in the main, will not dock his pay for short-time no working.

Father's day

Despite the dreary weather, *quite a few people, most un*-Higgins-like, were having a wonderful time. Dennis Pyman, for example. He is the father of Iain Pyman, the Amateur champion, from Sand Moor, near Leeds, and is caddying for his son.

Playing with Gary Player and Larry Mize, Pyman upstaged them both when he moved to three under par after seven holes and saw his name at the top of the leaderboard. He finished with a 68 — "It could have been a 66," he said — and his dad was in seventh heaven.

"Iain practised with Seve on Monday," he said, "and with John Daly and Fuzzy Zoeller on Wednesday and that made me relax a bit. I wasn't too nervous because I knew he was playing well and once he got a good drive away at the first, I just enjoyed it.

"It's the week of my life, to be able to mix with all these people," Pyman Sr, a four-handicapper himself, said. He and his wife Barbara, whose own golf has been curtailed because she is now working full-time, partly to help finance Iain's golf, will also be going to the Masters *next April, though it might* well be a local carrying the bag. "I'm not sure I could read those greens," he said.

Early riser

It is, of course, every radio reporter's dream to rise at 3am, to accompany the greenkeepers as they prepare the course for the first day's play in the Open. Yesterday, Charlotte Nicol was on dawn patrol for BBC Radio 5, but it was all made worthwhile when she spotted a figure walking his dog.

The man, a member, who shall be nameless but lives behind the fourth green and has a large marquee in his garden this week, was in his dressing gown but was happy to discourse on serious issues, such as the possibility of *having women members at* Sandwich.

PATRICIA DAVIES AT THE OPEN

"It won't happen in my lifetime," he intoned. "Nor in that of my grandson." His own children are still teenagers.

Bunkered

Mike Harwood's lie in the massive bunker at the fourth made the television people's day, if not the Australian's. His ball stuck right at the top of a slope that would challenge Sherpa Tenzing and Harwood reached it laboriously before playing the ball back down the hill and escaping the bunker with his next shot. He took seven (it's a par four) but spare a thought for David Andrews, course manager at Purley Downs golf club. He's the man who had to rake the bunker and it took him ten minutes.

FIRST-ROUND SCORES FROM SANDWICH

Early finishers

GB and Ireland unless stated

66: P Senior (Aus), M Calcavecchia (US), G Norman (Aus), F Zoeller (US)

67: G Turner (NZ), L Mize (US), G Evans, H Clark, M McNulty (Zim), D Smyth, B Langer (Ger)

68: *I Pyman, J Parnevik (Swe), J Huston (US), D Waldorf (US), C Pavin (US), S Simpson (US), N Price (Zim), C Cassells, I Garbutt, F Couples (US), J Rivero (Sp), S Ballesteros (Sp), E Els (SA)

69: P Azinger (US), M Jiminez (Sp), C Mason, J Spence, N Faldo, P Johansson (Swe), T Lehman (US), D Clarke, Y Mizumaki (Japan), V Singh (Fiji), L Janzen (US), F Nobilo (NZ), D Frost (SA), J Nicklaus (US).

70: W Guy, M Pinero (Sp), O Karlsson (Swe), W Andrade (US), N Ozaki (Japan), *D Love (US)*, T Purtzer (US), A Lyle, M Roe, P Talbot, P Maloney (Aus), B Faxon (US), B Lane, R Floyd (US), G Morgan (US), P Baker, B Crenshaw (US), *M James*

71: J Daly (US), James Cook, T Watson (US), P Stewart (US), H Twitty (US), R Boxall, K Tomori (Japan), P Broadhurst, D Forsman (US), A Forsbrand (Swe), A Magee (US), C Rocca (It), M O'Meara (US) 71.

72: M Clayton (Aus), S Richardson, L Wadkins (US), S Elkington (Aus), I Woosnam, D Gilford, T Kite (US), C Parry (Aus), M Mackenzie, P Lawrie, T Price (Aus), S Field, B Watts (US), G Orr, M Gates, C O'Connor Jr, M Harwood (Aus), T Johnstone (Zim), D W Basson, J Maggert (US), S Torrance.

73: R Willison, G Player (SA), J Haeggman (Swe), P McGinley, F Allem (SA), I Baker-Finch (Aus), A Jacklin, P Eales, M Miller, G Farr, B Tellena (Fr), John Cook (US), A Sherborne, P Mitchell, J Gallagher Jr, V Fernandez (Arg), C Beck (US), Chen Tze-Ming (Taiwan), E Romero (Arg), R Chapman, J M Olazábal (Sp).

74: W Grady (Aus), C Montgomerie, P Fowler (Aus), *J Leonard (US), B Malley (US), E O'Connell, J McGovern (US), J Sluman (US).

75: J Van De Velde (Fr).

76: D Edwards (US), *S Dundas, J Carriles (Sp).

77: D Feherty, M Krantz (Swe), *S Griffiths

78: L Rinker (US).

79: S Pate (US).

80: *M Voges (US).

* denotes amateur

Television
Today: BBC2: Live coverage, 10.55am-1pm 1.20-7.15 BBC1: Highlights: 11.10pm-11.50. Tomorrow: BBC1: Grandstand: 12.30pm-5.15. BBC2: 5.15pm-7.00. BBC1: Highlights: 11.20pm-12.00.

Radio
Radio 5: Today: 10.30am-7.15pm. Tomorrow: 12.00-7.30

Today's weather
Murky morning with outbreaks of light rain and drizzle; probably a heavier burst with 10% chance of thunder around the mid-day. Afternoon drier and brighter with some sunshine at end of day.

Gallery gallantry

TRACY Hammond, of Leamington Spa, roused herself at three o'clock and by 6.20 she was at Royal St George's, over 200 miles away, tired, hungry and with nearly an hour to kill before tee-off at 7.15am precisely (Patricia Davies writes).

Hammond made her way to the practice ground — there was nothing else open — and, being a professional golfer herself and an inexperienced golf watcher, she was not armed with a rucksack crammed with coffee, sandwiches and Kendal mint cake, an essential for tackling St George's mountainous dunes.

It was the first group of the *day that had caused Ham*mond, and about 20 other stalwarts from the Leamington and Country Club, to rise so early. They had come to see one J Cook. Not John, last year's runner-up, but James, a Midland lad who won the British boys' championship in 1985 and the youths' in 1987.

Three years ago he hurt his wrist mowing the lawn and a couple of days later aggravated the injury playing here at Sandwich. He was out of action for a year.

Now a professional, he admitted to being nervous but was relatively satisfied with a 71. He dropped shots at the 15th and 16th but a superb four-wood to 15 feet at the 17th and a well hit five-iron to the last cheered him up.

Hammond, having tramped round, mostly in the rain, for 4hr 10min, decided you could take loyalty just so far. "I'll be watching the rest on television," she said.

TEE TIMES

GB and Ire unless stated

0715: G Farr, E O'Connell, I Garbutt
0725: P Maloney (Aus), M Gates, B Tellaria (Fr)
0735: V Singh (Fiji), P Broadhurst, F Couples (US)
0745: J McGovern (US), J Cook (US), C O'Connor Jr
0755: A Magee (US), P Baker, V Fernandez (Arg)
0805: P Mitchell, J Maggert (US), J Gallagher Jr (US)
0820: D W Basson (SA), G Morgan (US), A Forsbrand (Swe)
0830: A Johnstone (Zim), B Langer (Ger), L Janzen (US)
0840: D Forsman (US), R Floyd (US), A Sherborne
0850: M Harwood (Aus), B Faxon (US), B Lane
0900: F Nobilo (NZ), C Rocca (It), C Beck (US)
0910: B Crenshaw (US), D Frost (SA), J Rivero (Sp)
0925: Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan), M O'Meara (US), S Ballesteros (Sp)
0935: E Romero (Arg), J Sluman (US), R Chapman
0945: M James, J M Olazábal (Sp), J Nicklaus (US)
0955: E Els (SA), S Torrance, F Zoeller (US)
1005: R Goosen (SA), R Allenby (Aus), D Hammond (US)
1015: G Brand Jr, W Westner (SA), R Mediate (US)
1030: R Karlsson (Swe), R Davis (Aus), P Way
1040: M Hallberg (Swe), M Sunesson (Swe), M Davis
1050: R Lee, R Kawagishi (Japan), *M Welch
1100: J Sewell, T Fukuzawa (Japan), N Van Rensburg (SA)
1110: N Sugai (Japan), G Day (US), A Sorensen (Den)
1120: T Pernice (US), P Scott, T Nash
1135: P Smith, R Drummond, S Ames (Trin)
1145: W Guy, M Piñero (Sp), J Cook
1155: O Karlsson (Swe), M Clayton (Aus), R Willison
1205: *I Pyman, G Player (SA), L Mize (US)
1215: J Parnevik (Swe), S Richardson, W Andrade (US)
1225: N Ozaki (Japan), J Haeggman (Swe), L Wadkins (US)
1240: J Huston (US), P Azinger (US), M A Jiménez (Sp)
1250: D Waldorf (US), P Senior (Aus), C Mason
1300: G Turner (NZ), J Spence, T Watson (US)
1310: P Stewart (US), D Love III (US), P McGinley
1320: S Elkington (Aus), M Calcavecchia (US), N Faldo
1330: T Purtzer (US), G Norman (Aus), G Evans
1345: W Grady (Aus), L Rinker (US), P-U Johansson (Swe)
1355: I Woosnam, D Feherty, J Daly (US)
1405: F Allem (SA), H Twitty (US), J Van de Velde (Fr)
1415: T Lehman (US), S Pate (US), D Gilford
1425: C Pavin (US), M McNulty (Zim), H Clark
1435: I Baker-Finch (Aus), S Simpson (US), A Lyle
1450: N Price (Zim), D Edwards (US), C Montgomerie
1500: P Fowler (Aus), T Kite (US), M Roe
1510: A Jacklin, *J Leonard (US), C Parry (Aus)
1520: *S Dundas, P Talbot, J Carriles (Sp)
1530: M Mackenzie, P Lawrie, P Eales
1540: R Boxall, K Tomori (Japan), M Miller
1550: D Clarke, T Price (Aus), D Smyth
1600: *M Voges (US), S Field, B Watts (US)
1610: M Krantz (Swe), *S Griffiths, C Cassells
1620: Y Mizumaki (Japan), B Malley (US), G Orr

* denotes amateur

TITLEIST. THE OVERWHELMING CHOICE OF THE PRO'S.

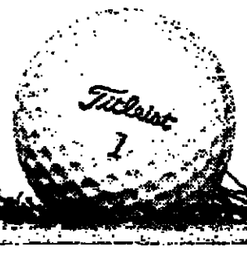
Since 1980, Royal St. George's has played host to the world's most famous golf tournament three times. And, since that year, one ball has been played at The Open more than any other: Titleist.*

In fact, Titleist has won the ball count every year since records began 14 years ago.

And the key to this consistency? The *consistency* which Titleist delivers. In wind. In rain. In the best of the British summer. Whatever the conditions, the Pro's know that they can rely on the performance of their Titleist when it really counts.

So it came as no surprise that, at this year's ball count, three times as many competitors played Titleist as the next ball.

Titleist. The overwhelming choice of the Pro's.



Titleist
№1 ball in golf.

*Source: Sports Marketing Surveys Ltd/Darrell Survey Company

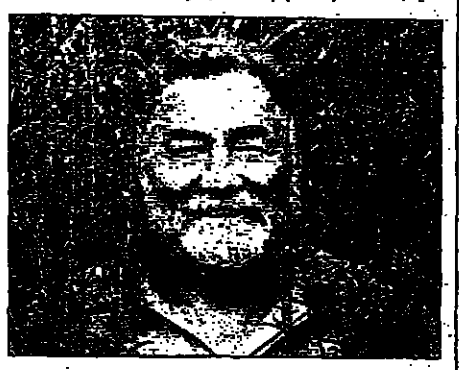
GOLF FOUNDATION

هكذا من الأصل

هكذا من الأصل

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (19603)
7.00 Breakfast News (16531158)
9.05 Gravedale High (r) (1428061) **9.25 Tricks 'n' Tracks** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6098784)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3778852) **10.05 Playdays**. For infants (s) (4015210) **10.30 Bananaman** (r) (7955448)
10.35 Paddles Up. The final of the international canoeing competition (s) (6867852)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6838887) **11.05 Knots Landing** (r) (4199852)
11.50 National Trust Gardens. A visit to Felbrigg Hall near Cromer, Norfolk (8561177)
12.00 **News** *(Ceefax)*, regional news and weather (7485158) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World**. Off Borneo the Cousteau expedition find vast numbers of turtles and an underwater turtle burial ground by the islet of Sipadan *(1389055)* ***12.55* Regional News** and weather (36100887)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (53974) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (72038332)
1.50 Harvesters of Honey. A Japanese film crew follows Himalayan villagers as they hazardously gather honey and beeswax (24700784) **2.20 The Flying Doctors**. Drama series set in the Australian outback. (Ceefax) (s) (3991210)
3.05 ***The Rock Academy***. A documentary look at the Musicians' Institute in Los Angeles (r) (2664719) **3.35 Turnabout**. A game that tests wordpower, presented by Rob Curling (s) (3386887)
4.10 Babar (r) (3137790) **4.35 Hartbeat**. A guide to better picture-making (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1981697)
5.00 Newsround (4848245) **5.05 Tomorrow's End**. Episode two of the time travel drama serial. (Ceefax) (2046993)
5.35 Neighbours *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (910061)*. **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (871)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (351). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Dad's Army. The start of re-run of the delicious Home Guard comedy. (Ceefax) (7582)

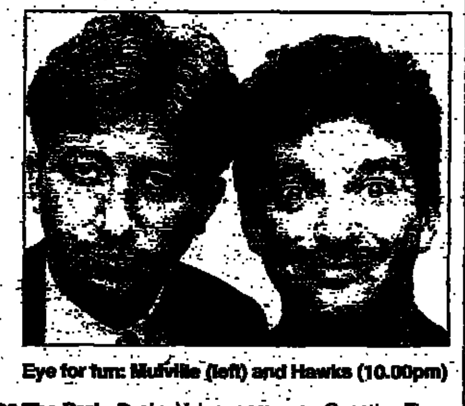


Hooray for herbs: David Bellamy (7.30pm)

7.30 Blooming Bellamy. (Ceefax) See Choice (535)
8.00 Casualty. The victim of a drunk driver recognises the culprit (Hywel Bennett) when being treated at Holby City hospital. *But the man claims he was only an onlooker.* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (145413)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (534326)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (9061)
9.30 The Leaving of Liverpool. The conclusion of the mini-series drama about two children sent from Britain to Australia during the 1950s. (Ceefax) (s) *(292993)*. **Wales:** *The Slate 10.10-10.50 Leaving Liverpool*
11.10 Golf: the Open. Highlights of today's second round from Sandwich, Kent (773332)
11.50 Film: The Night Stalker (1971) *starring* Darren McGavin and Carol Lynley. Comic thriller, which led to a TV series, about a newspaperman investigating a series of bizarre showgirl murders in Las Vegas. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey (604968). **Wales:** Golf 12.30-1.45 Film: The Night Stalker **1.05am Weather** (4227730)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths — Partial Differentiation (7433239) **7.10** The History of Maths (6485351) **7.35** Maths: Scalings and Powers (3444535)
8.00 Breakfast News (2361429)
8.15 Westminster (1540239)
9.00 Film: The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms (1953, b/w) starring Paul Christian and Paula Raymond. Enjoyable science fiction adventure about a *prehistoric monster, thawed out by the heat of an* atomic bomb in the Arctic, which heads for New York and wreaks havoc. Directed by Eugene Lourie (5704968)
10.15 The Fancy. *A film short about the world of a mouse fancier* (4386326)
10.30 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers. In praise of the delphinium (r) (6962351)
10.55 Golf: the Open. Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the second round of the Open Championship, from the Royal St George's Club, Sandwich, Kent (77147790)
1.00 Penny Crayon. Animated adventures (r) *(17062264)* ***1.10 Puppydog Tales***. *Animated* escapades of four small dogs, narrated by Victoria Wood (r) (87978332)
1.15 News and weather followed by **Jumpcuts**. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (87975603)
1.20 Golf: the Open. Further live coverage from Sandwich. 1.20-4.20 (24094871) 4.20-7.15 (68313535)
7.15 What the Papers Say. *Isobel Hilton of The Independent* reviews how the press treated the week's news (350351)
7.30 The First Night Of the Proms (s) See Choice (80448)
9.30 One Foot in the Past (s) See Choice (82871)



Eye for fun: Mulville (left) and Hawks (10.00pm)

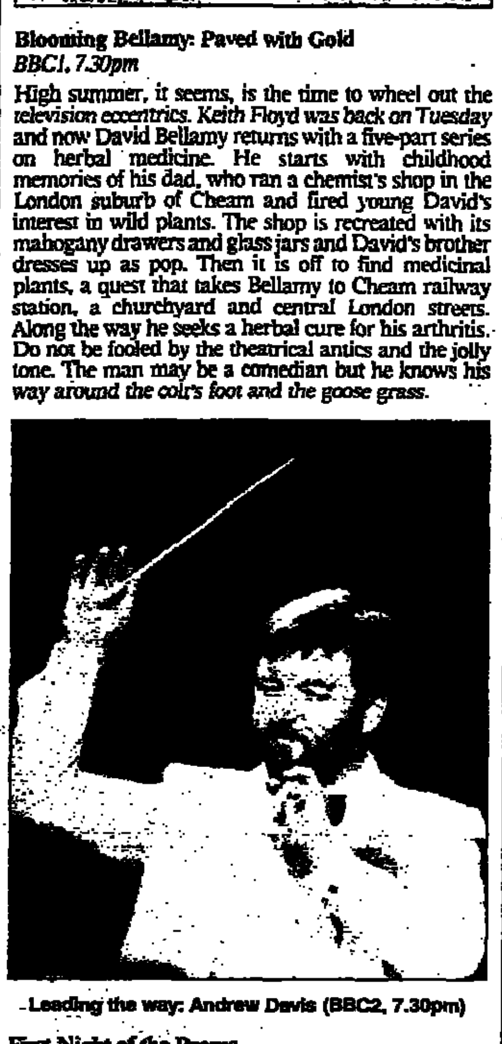
10.00 The Brain Drain. Vulgar answer to *Question Time*, presided over by *Jimmy Mulville*. This week the panel regulars, Tony Hawks and Jo Brand, are joined by writer/comedian Craig Ferguson and Andy Hamilton, writer/producer of *Drop the Dead Donkey*. Among the celebrity guests in the audience are the former England cricket captain David Gower and the *Food and Drink*'s wine expert Jilly Goolden (s) (52142)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (547239)
11.15 ***Later with Jools Holland***. *The last in the music* series. The guests include Al Green, Squeeze, Richard Thompson and Rainer (s) (891177). **Wales:** Wales in Westminster 11.45 Later with Jools Holland 12.35 Weather 12.40-1.30 Rock Docs
12.05am Weather (2745746)
12.10 Rock Docs: On Tour with the Osmonds. A 1974 fly-on-the-wall documentary following the teeny boppers' favourites as they toured Britain to *hysterical acclaim (r) (3633291). Ends at 1.10*

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode™ numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+™ handset. VideoPlus+ can be used with most videos. Tap in the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. For more details call VideoPlus on 0839 121204 (calls charged at 48p per minute peak, 36p off-peak) or write to VideoPlus+, Acornex Ltd, 5 Ivory House, Plantation Wharf, London SW11 3TN. Videoplus+ (™), Pluscode (™) and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gemstar Marketing Ltd.

CHOICE

Blooming Bellamy: Paved with Gold
BBC1, 7.30pm

High summer, it seems, is the time to wheel out the *television eccentrics. Keith Floyd was back on Tuesday* and now David Bellamy returns with a five-part series on herbal medicine. He starts with childhood memories of his dad, who ran a chemist's shop in the London suburb of Cheam and fired young David's interest in wild plants. The shop is recreated with its mahogany drawers and glass jars and David's brother dresses up as pop. Then it is off to find medicinal plants, a quest that takes Bellamy to Cheam railway station, a churchyard and central London streets. Along the way he seeks a herbal cure for his arthritis. Do not be fooled by the theatrical antics and the jolly tone. The man may be a comedian but he knows his *way around the colt's foot and the goose grass.*



Leading the way: Andrew Davis (BBC2, 7.30pm)

First Night of the Proms
BBC2, 7.30pm

Richard Strauss's fiery one-act opera *Elektra* comes live from the Albert Hall, with Marilyn Zschau in the title role and Andrew Davis conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra. As usual there is a simultaneous broadcast on Radio 3, though viewers with digital stereo should not need to resort to it. Ten of this year's Prom concerts are being televised. They include live transmissions each Monday fortnight on BBC2, starting on July 26, and the last night, split as usual between BBC2 and BBC1, on Saturday *September 11. For the first time three late night Proms* are being shown: a Vivaldi/Boccherini programme, jazz with the Wynton Marsalis Septet and a selection of Monteverdi. Finally, part of an afternoon Prom is being transmitted live on bank holiday Monday, August 30.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 9.30pm

The heritage programme has quickly established itself as unmissable Friday night viewing, thanks to a good mix of items, sympathetic presenters and the television camera's fondness for historic buildings. The *appearance of Loyd Grossman and Lucinda Lambton* in one show may be too rich for some tastes, since each is best taken in small doses. But Lambton's celebrations of Victoriana have been perfect blends of the enthusiastic and the informative and tonight she lavishes her superlatives on Sir George Gilbert Scott's Midland Grand Hotel at St Pancras Station in London. Currently used as offices by British Rail, this jewel of the Gothic revival is undergoing a facelift and could revert to its original use if St Pancras becomes the terminus for the Channel Tunnel. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (5927697)
9.25 Talkabout. Game show (5685413) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4104158)
10.00 Film: The Johnstown Monster (1971) starring Connor Brennan and Simon Tully. Children's comedy about a group of youngsters living in a small Irish village with a lake that is reputed to hold a monster. When one of them photographs what looks like a monster, the sleepy place becomes abuzz with tourists. Directed by Olaf Pooley (3899264)
10.55 ITN News headlines (7259697) **11.00 James** ***Bond Jr*** *(7332974)* ***11.25 Adventures of the*** **Galaxy Rangers** (7335061)
11.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7539993) **12.00 Cartoon** with Donald Duck (r) (3627210) **12.10 Tots TV**. Puppet series (r) (s) (2889871)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (7259448) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17058061)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (206448) ***1.45*** **A Country Practice**. Medical drama (s) (305719)
2.15 Rage of Angels. Episode three of the four-part drama, based on the best-seller by Sidney Sheldon. Starring Jaclyn Smith (r) (5827090)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3043516) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3042887) **3.20 The Young Doctors**. Australian drama series (2489413)
3.50 The Ratties *(r) (9531142)* ***3.55 Bangers and Mash*** (4838608) **4.10 Talespin** (r) (s) (3139158) **4.35 Wall of the Banshee.** Fantasy adventure starring Michael Angelis and Susie Blake (r) (Teletext) (1072993) **5.00 Cartoon** featuring Foghorn Leghorn (r) (6033603)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2030332)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (455239)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (74852)
7.00 Through the Keyhole. *Celebrity home game* presented by Sir David Frost with Loyd Grossman. This week's guest panellists are Alan Coren, Eve Pollard and Doc Cox. (Teletext) (s) (5210)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (603)
8.00 International Athletics. Action from the Panasonic AAA championships in Birmingham, introduced by Jim Rosenthal. Continues on Channel 4 (2887)

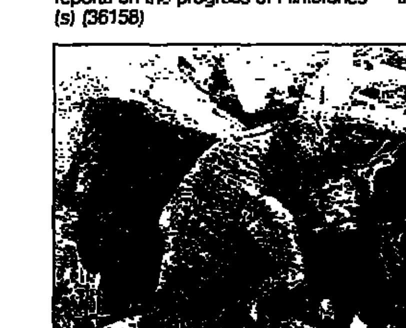


Armed to the hilt: Dennis Waterman (9.00pm)

9.00 Stay Lucky. Thomas (Dennis Waterman) dresses up for a banquet. (Teletext) (s) (5351)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (56968) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (478245)
10.40 The London Programme. Are the new security precautions in the City good business sense or a propaganda coup for the IRA? (969806)
11.10 Tour of Duty. Vietnam war drama (r) (707784)
12.05 The ITV Chart Show *(s) (3638746)*
1.05 Whale On. Music and discussion, dominated by James Whale (8804104)
2.10 Pro-Box Classics. A profile of the career of Chris Eubank (8392291)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Richard Blade reviews the latest American film releases (4885758)
3.50 Austin City Limits. Country music sounds (3353119)
5.00 Riviera. French drama series (65017)
5.30 ITN Morning News (87678). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon cat series (1948158) **6.45 Ovide**. Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus (9620871)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (70697)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American teenage drama series (r) (39245) **9.30 Batman and Robin** (r) (6341351) **9.50 Tebaldo's Airs: The Barber of Seville**. Puppet animation by Jacques Houdini (4103429)
9.55 Once Upon A Time... Space. A cartoon exploration of the universe (r) (6239784) **10.25 Kideo**. A child's guide to life's mysteries (r) (4115264)
10.55 ***The Adventures of Tintin*** *(r) (5025351)* ***11.20 The Next Big Thing***. Leona Naess continues her search for singing/songwriting stardom (r) (7334332) **11.50 Gallery**. A fast-moving look at classics of Western art (8554887)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (46581)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Billy Dee Williams (r) (63069) **1.30 Foofur**. Animation (r) (69974)
2.00 Film: Theodora Goes Wild (1936, b/w) starring Irene Dunn and Melvyn Douglas. Amiable comedy about a small-town spinster librarian who whoops it up in New York after writing a salacious best-seller. Directed by Richard Boleslawski (449622) **3.40 Fool**. Animation about an old man who talks to a toy dog every day (r) (5343264)
4.00 The Curry Connection. A repeat of Ismail Merchant's series on the British obsession with Indian food (332)
4.30 Countdown *(Teletext) (s) (516)*
5.00 Travellers' Tales. A repeat of Monday's programme about Nick Danziger's attempts to interview Colonel Gaddafi. (Teletext) (8351)
6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. A new American comedy adventure series starring Mark Curry as a primary school teacher (Teletext) (s) (581)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee (Teletext) (531)
7.00 Channel 4 News *(Teletext) and weather (991264)*
7.50 Dinomania: First Reaction — Fold-A-Saurus The first in a weekend of programmes dedicated to dinosaurs. Origami expert Megumi Biddle explains how to make a folding tyrannosaurus rex (s) (402968)
8.00 Tour de France. Highlights of the longest stage of the race — 287.5km through Provence to Marseilles (2500)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (378697)
8.55 Athletics. The Panasonic AAA meeting from Birmingham. Continued from ITV (1270239)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking domesticated comedy series starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (47210)
10.30 Dinomania: Moviewatch Special. Johnny Vaughan reviews *Jurassic Park* and Laurie Pike reports on the progress of *Flintstones — the Movie* (s) (36158)



A brontosaurus on the rampage (11.00pm)

11.00 Film: Dinosaurus! (1960) Low-budget prehistoric monster movie starring Ward Ramsey, directed by Irvin S. Yeaworth (220581)
12.45am Dinomania: Marc Bolan. A documentary about the band T Rex (r) (8441982)
1.50 Electric Ballroom. Indie music magazine. Features live music from the Marxan (s) (2922727). Ends at **2.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **2.15** Marquee (217500) **2.45-3.10** Coach (1585910) **5.10-5.40** The Mountain Bike Show (2030332) **6.00** Home and Away (331806) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (1020871) **10.45** Wheels (645210) **11.40** Spring Back (537142) **12.10-1.10** Night Heat (3637017) **2.10** Raw Power (1175369) **3.10** Entertainment UK (8720949) **4.05** Musical Routes (5190676) **4.35** Riviera (96693630) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (65017)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (306448) **1.45** Home and Away (305719) **2.15-3.10** Father Dowling (3421061) **3.20-3.50** Children's Island (2489413) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (2030332) **6.00** Home and Away (331806) **5.25-7.00** Central News (850158) **10.40** Spring Back (969806) **11.10** Film: Love, Mary (324351) [illegible].55 Whale On (3775017) **1.55** The Beat (5010456) **2.55** Entertainment UK (4863920) **3.55** Night Shift (90706659) **4.05** Jobfinder (8473630) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3447299)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (306448) **1.45** Home and Away (305719) **2.15-3.10** Life Goes On (5827090) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2489413) **5.10-5.40** The $64,000 Question (2030332) **6.00** Home and Away (331806) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (243697) **10.40** Jurassic Park Premiere (969806) **11.10** War of the Worlds (707784) **12.05-1.05** Cue the Music (3638746) **2.10** Raw Power (1175369) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4526659) **4.05** Musical Routes (9190104) **4.35** Riviera (96693630) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (65017)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45** Fashion File (305719) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (5827090) **6.00** HTV News (239) **6.30-7.00** Special Report (719) **10.40** Disaster Chronicles (969806) **11.10** Jurassic Park Premiere (844264) **11.40** Film: Weekend of Terror (Robert Conrad, Lee Majors, Carol Lynley) (800535) **1.10** Whale On (3146901) **2.10** Raw Power (1175369) **3.10** Entertainment UK (8720949) **4.05** Musical Routes (51920678) **4.35** Riviera (96693630) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (65017)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40-11.10** Sportsman's Bar.

MERIDIAN
As London except: **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2489413) **6.0-7.00** Meridian Tonight (74852) **10.40** Anything Goes (3691239) **12.190** Film: PS Last Summer (460543) **1.50** Whale On (69104) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (86098) **3.30** Raw Power (5258814)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.45-3.10** Film: The Quiet Woman (2661142) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (794893) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (719) **10.40** Point of Order (969806) **11.10** Film: Escape from Bogen County (324351) **12.55-1.05** 808 State (3630475) **2.05** The Big E (1188833) **3.00** Film: A Song is Born (67054659) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone

ULSTER
As London except: **2.15-3.10** Life Goes On (5827090) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2489413) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (74852) **10.40** Love & War (969806) **11.10** Beverly Hills 90210 (707784) **12.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (1923901) **1.10** Whale On (3146901) **2.10** Raw Power (1175369) **3.10** Entertainment UK (8720949) **4.05** Musical Routes (51920678) **4.35** Riviera (96693630) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (65017)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.45** Blockbusters (305719) **2.15** The Sullivans (217500) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (1585910) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2489413) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (74852) **10.40** Splitting Back (969806) **11.15** The War of the Worlds (421516) **12.15** Live on Stage (3646765) **1.10** Whale On (3146901) **2.10** Raw Power (1175369) **3.10** Entertainment UK (8720949) **4.05** Musical Routes (51920678) **4.35** Riviera (96693630) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.45-3.10** Film: The Quiet Woman (2661142) **5.55** Calendar (784993) **6.30-7.00** Images of Yorkshire (719) **10.40** Married...with Children (969806) **11.10** Film: Escape from Bogen County (324351) **12.55-1.05** 808 State (3630475) **2.05** The Big E (1188833) **3.00** Film: A Song is Born (67054659) **5.05-5.30** The Twilight Zone (5695949)

S4C
Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (70697) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (5880869) **9.25** Sandokan (6765605) **9.50** Batman and Robin (6256236) **10.15** Once Upon A Time...Space (9707429) **10.35** Kideo (6956780) **11.00** Tintin (2535) **11.30** The Next Big Thing (3264) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (46581) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (60603) **1.00** Foofur (73784) **1.30** Take Five (69974) **2.00** Frontline (5264) **2.30** Film: *Under Two Flags* (38069697) **4.15** Patronella (9753535) **4.30** The Angler and the Trout (516) **5.00** Countdown (6516) **5.30** Brookside (968) **6.00** News (784974) **6.10** Heno (973582) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3852) **7.30** Amser I'w Gollo (245) **8.00** Dyma Sobin (2500) **8.30** News (378697) **8.55** Pawb A'i Farn (583284) **9.45** San Steffan (280871) **10.00** Roseanne (47210) **10.30** Golf (991516) **11.05** Tour de France (843535) **11.35** Athletics AAAs (863429) **12.35** Dinomania (4647272) **1.50** Electric Ballroom (2922727) **2.20** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16052993) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3714239) **9.10** Cartoons (8859061) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (26239) **10.00** Card Sharks (5545868) **10.25** Concentration (8943784) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2331887) **11.00** Maude (15603) **11.30** Falcon Crest (89239) **12.30pm** E Street (20055) **1.00** Another World (4480239) **1.45** Three's Company (943993) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (525326) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (931158) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5089603) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1413) **6.00** Games World (8055) **6.30** E Street (5635) **7.00** Rescue (2142) **7.30** Full House (1719) **8.00** Wrestling Mania (68239) **9.00** Code 3 (39239) **9.30** Crime International (13719) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation *(47790)* ***11.00*** *The Streets of San* Francisco (90103) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour. **6.00am** Sunrise (87516) ***8.30*** *News and Business Report (612264)* **9.30** Nightline (50041) **10.30** 48 Hours (66177) **11.30** Business Report (80581) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (60993) **1.30** Good Morning America (61622) **2.30** Parliament (95806) **3.30** The Lords (97535) **4.30** News and Business Report (1332) **5.00** Live at Five (206332) **7.30** 48 Hours (2061) **8.00** News Hour (79055) **9.30** Talkback (76697) **11.30** ABC News (60061) **12.30am** 48 Hours (18272) **1.30** ABC News (75320) **2.30** Getaway (24755) **3.30** ABC News (96982) **4.30** Those Were The Days (20098) **5.30** ABC News (64712)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2943332)
10.00 Teen Agent (1991): Comedy about a student spy in Paris (24871)
12.00 Disaster on the Coastliner (1979): Train crash drama (78719)
2.00pm Swashbuckler (1976). Pirate comedy adventure (65142)
4.00 The Last Escape (1970): An American naval officer has a mission (9245)
6.00 Teen Agent (as 10am) (58806)
8.00 Highlander II — The Quickening (1991). Fantasy with Christopher Lambert as a time-travelling immortal (28064697)
9.40 US Top Ten (158451)
10.00 By the Sword (1991) F. Murray Abraham as a jealous fencing ace (895784)
11.35 Nico (1988). Steven Seagal plays a tough Chicago cop (900121)
1.15am Blood Oath (1990): Japanese war criminals go on trial (573017)
3.00 Blind Vision (1990): Psychological thriller about a voyeur (293340)
4.35 Without Warning: The James Brady Story (1992): Drama about the man who saved President Reagan (5397765). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Harvey (1950, b/w) Rabbit fantasy with James Stewart (23158)
8.00 High Noon (1952, b/w) Oscar-winning western with Gary Cooper (28603)
10.00 The World's Greatest Lover (1977): Gene Wilder comedy about a banker who becomes a star (938564) Ends at **11.35pm**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am To the Ends of the Earth (1947, b/w): A government agent pursues a narcotics gang (23516)
8.00 Young Survivors (1982) Three children are stranded (73210)
10.00 Abbott and Costello Meet The Keystone Cops (1954, b/w) Slapstick set in a movie studio (22413)
12.00 The Bed Sitting Room (1969): Surreal post-holocaust comedy (69061)
2.00pm Absolute Strangers (1991): A husband faces a terrible dilemma (63784)
4.00 Young Survivors *(as 8am) (7887)*
6.00 Criminal Behaviour (1992). Farrah Fawcett plays a lawyer who becomes a target (18023)
7.30 Emotion Pictures. Feature about romance in the movies (4429)
8.00 Alice (1990) Woody Allen's romantic comedy about a society wife (51993)
10.00 Obsessed (1992): A woman's possessive love becomes dangerous (893326)
11.35 Fresh Horses (1988). A student falls *for an unsuitable girl (734974)*
1.20am The Amityville Curse (1989) Haunted house sequel (1965746)
2.50 Sweet Poison (1991) A woman plans to murder her husband (165833)
4.30 Hitler's Daughter (1990). The Führer had a child (49123). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (16993) **7.00** Watersports World (15500) **8.00** National *Cycling League (96429)* ***9.00*** *Prime Bodies* (56581) **9.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (89351) **10.00** Rugby Union Super 10 Championship (76887) **12.00** F1 Grand Prix (79974) **1.00pm** Best of British Motorsport (68622) **2.00** Gillette World Sports Special (1546) **2.30** Cycling (4210) **3.00** Watersports World (70500) **4.00** Nice Triathlon (62535) **5.00** European League Round-Up (3413) **6.00** Ironman Super Series (75158) **7.00** Horse Racing (52239) **9.00** Rugby Union Super 10 Championship (84546) **11.00** World Sports Special (63264) **11.30** Cycling (18559) **12.00** Ironman Super Series (38901) **1.00am** Australian Rugby League (26727) **3.00-5.15am** Rugby Union (53596369)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (42806) **8.00** Equestrian Meeting (18697) **9.00** Tour de France (36210) **10.00** Mountain Bike World Cup (29413) **10.30** Triathlon (43061) **11.00** Tennis — Davis Cup (55326) **12.00** Tennis (12177) **2.00pm** Tour de France (84582) **4.00** Tennis (1245) **6.00** Motorcycling (3535) **6.30** News (4887) **7.00** Motorsports (82887) **8.00** Boxing (91535) **9.00** Tour de France *(34041)* ***10.00*** *Tennis — Davis Cup (142055)* **12.30am** News (32678)

UK GOLD
7.00am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (8342351) **7.30** Neighbours (8338158) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2253061) **8.30** EastEnders (2252332) **9.00** The Bill (2170784) **9.30** The Brothers (7593500) **10.30** Colditz (4977332) **11.30** Happy Ever after (3484332) ***12.00*** *Sons and Daughters (2263448)* **12.30pm** Neighbours (3027158) **1.00** EastEnders (8341622) **1.30** The Bill (9026429) **2.00** Never The Twain (2252697) **2.30** The *Mistress (5127055)* ***3.00*** *Dallas (3495448)* **4.00** Dynasty (3301055) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2349177) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (5121871) **6.00** Neighbours (5128784) **6.30** The Brothers (6534516) **7.30** Never The Twain (5211448) **8.00** EastEnders (2338061) **8.30** The Mistress (2251968) **9.00** Colditz (1289121) **10.00** The Bill (2264177) **10.30** Colin's Sandwich (2177897) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8255871) **12.00** Dr Who (5325524) **12.20am** Film: The Curse of the Cat People *(1944, b/w): Thriller sequel (65491543)* ***1.30-2.00am*** Video Bites (5629611)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (31887) **7.00** Ratkan II (90123) **9.00** Jack in the Box (92968) **11.00** Stories without Words (15697) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (18326) **12.00** You Can't Do That On Television (11974) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (20622) **2.00** Stories Without Words (3528) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (9968) **3.00** Babar (3170413) **3.25** Ratkan II (50844697) **5.00** Electric String Vest (3055) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (17158)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: New Curiosity Shop — Verges
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Music, news and weather with Chris de Souza including Strauss (Festmarch in E flat, Op 1); Bach (Concerto in D minor for two violins, BWV 1043); Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52); Haydn (Symphony No 104 in D, London)
9.00 Composer of the Week: *Mendelssohn*. *Michael Oliver* presents the composer's chamber music (String Quartet in E flat, Op 44 No 3; String Quartet in E minor, Op 44 No 2)
10.00 Morning Sequence. Rameau (Les Sauvages, Les Indes galantes); Duruflé (Danse Lente); Fauré (Ballade); Messiaen (*O Sacrum Convivium*); Stravinsky (Octet); Françaix (Concertino); Lord Berners (Trois Morceaux); Stravinsky (Piano Sonata); Debussy, orch Molinari (L'Isle Joyeuse), Françaix (Les Bosquets de Cythère); Strauss (Symphonic Fragment, The Love of Danae)
12.00 The Lure of the East: Schubert (Versunken, Geheimes, Suleika I and II); Britten (Songs from the Chinese); Delage (Quatre poemes hindous); Stravinsky (Three Japanese Lyrics); Strauss (Gesänge des Orients, Op 77) (r)
***1.00pm* News**
1.05 Ruth Geiger (piano). Mozart (Piano Sonata in C, K330); Schumann (Papillons, Op 2); Debussy (Suite, Children's Corner) (r)
2.00 Mining the Archive. Stephen Johnson introduces a 1970 BBC recording of the violinist Alfredo Campoli with Valerie Tryon, piano. Turina (Violin Sonata No 2, Espagnola); Respighi (Violin Sonata in B minor), Debussy (Violin Sonata in G minor)
3.00 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Martinu (Concerto for two string orchestras, piano and timpani); Bartók, compl Serly (Viola Concerto); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor)
4.30 Traditional Music from Ireland. Second of two programmes presented by Catherine Ennis (r)
5.00 In Tune. Jeremy Nicholas presents music, news and arts events
7.30 The First Night of the Proms. Live from the Albert Hall, London: *Elektra*, an opera in one act by Strauss. Sung in German, this concert performance features Marilyn Zschau (soprano) as Elektra; Eva Randova (mezzo) as Clytemnestra; Willard White *(bass-baritone) as Orestes*; and Deborah Voight (soprano) as Chrysothemis. With the BBC Symphony Orchestra and BBC Singers under Andrew Davis
9.25 The Reith Lectures: Representations of the Intellectual. Professor Edward Said examines the possibility *of amateur intellectuals being* able to influence society (r)
9.55 The Silver Duo. Noreen Silver (cello) and Phillip Silver (piano) perform Moscheles (Cello Sonata in E, Op 121); Sterndale Bennett (Duo Sonata, Op 32)
11.00 Mind, Body and Soul. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil. Sarah Walker presents solemn music rituals
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this morning on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for *the Day* ***6.30*** *Today incl* ***8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30*** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for *the Day* ***8.40*** *Yesterday in* Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is theatre director Nicholas Hytner (r)
9.45 Feedback with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 End of a Line. See Choice (FM only)
10.00 Daily Service (FM only)
10.15 The Bible: Deuteronomy read by Martin Jarvis (3 of 6) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour from Manchester. Includes interviews with Vanessa Redgrave and a film star from the former Yugoslavia, Reda Serbedzija, who are both campaigning against racism; plus a feature on women who have climbed Everest; and a conversation with Jill Smith, vice-captain of the England women's cricket team. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: George Macpherson takes a close look at bark
12.00pm You and Yours with *Tasneem Siddiqi*
12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick *Clarke*
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Classic Serial: The Sea, The Sea, by Iris Murdoch (final part) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Victoria Wood and Muriel Gray to select three paperbacks
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: live from Newcastle, which is playing host to the Tall Ships Festival and celebrating the Tyne International Festival of Contemporary Art
4.45 Short Story: Special Request by Allan Massie, read by Nigel Anthony
5.00 PM with Wendy Jones **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Great River: Philip Short follows the route of Archibald Little, who journeyed up the Yangtze River to explore the possibility of developing British trade in western China in the late 19th-century. One hundred years later Philip Short looks at China in the 1990s (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (r)
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Teresa Gorman MP; Keith Vaz, MP; Rabbi Julia Neuberger; and Professor Julian le Grand of the London School of Economics tackle the issues raised in Bristol
8.50 Law in Action
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Jazz Jamaica (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The *Queen and I by Sue Townsend* (5 of 8) (r)
11.00 A Look Back at the Nineties: A satirical look at the decade, from the writers of *Spitting Image*. This week, 1996
11.25 The Financial Week with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO CHOICE

End of a Line. *Radio 4 (FM only), 10.00am*
In the first of a new series about endangered traditions, Paul Heiney meets Ron Taylor, who tours the last boxing booth in Britain. Now aged 82, Taylor fears that 1993 may be his last season. Radio is of course the perfect medium for making sure that we feel only sorrow at the passing of this particular fairground attraction. Not being able to see the bloody noses, we can almost fall for Taylor's sentimental if slightly uncertain summing up: "All this aggro: it's not really there. Boxers love each other — mostly."

Mind, Body and Soul. *Radio 3, 11.00pm*
This programme presents what could have been a dry exchange of views between Nobel Prize winner, Professor Gerald Edelman, and clinical neurologist Professor Oliver Sacks. What saves it is not just its fascinating subject, the mind, but the way in which Sacks steers the conversation towards case histories. The story that stands out is that of a patient whose brain could no longer distinguish colour. *In the end* the man "reinvented" himself as a painter, his arresting first work depicting a monochrome sunrise. **Stephanie Billen**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates 11.00 1FM Summer Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.30** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Movie Quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Paul Harris **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools Topic Resources 9-11; **9.15** Playtime. **9.30** The Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About. **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Golf: The Open, live commentary from Royal St George's, Sandwich **7.15pm** No More School **7.30** Popcall **8.30** AAA Athletics Meeting, live from Alexander Stadium, Birmingham **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Setting up a State **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith ***9.15*** *Music Review* ***10.00*** *News* ***10.05*** *Business Report* ***10.15*** *Global Concerns* ***10.30*** *On the Move* **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Setting up a State **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Shepherd's Calendar **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English ***4.29*** *News in French* **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: Dadaji's Trunk **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk. **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

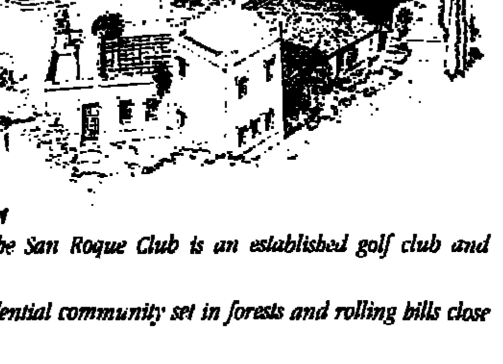
CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice Paul Callan's special guest is Andrew Neil (r) **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Wagner (Rienzi Overture); Lalo (Cello Concerto), Mussorgsky (Pictures at an Exhibition); Gershwin (An American in Paris) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson ***4.00*** *Tommy Vance* **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

INDIVIDUAL PLOTS IN AN ESTABLISHED GOLF & LEISURE COMMUNITY



The San Roque Club is an established golf club and residential community set in forests and rolling hills close to Gibraltar. A limited number of building plots are now available which include founder club membership. They represent an outstanding investment opportunity for the golfer. Call now for details. The San Roque Club, 4 Yeomans Row, London SW3 2AH.

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR

The San Roque Club

☏ 071 225 0121

The San Roque Club is the Andalucian headquarters of the PGA European Tour.

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; *FM-92.4-94.6.* **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.

COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND HEATHER ALSTON

CRICKET 35
ALLAN BORDER ON SLEDGING, THE ASHES AND RETIREMENT

SPORT

FRIDAY JULY 16 1993

MOTOR RACING 36
FORMULA ONE CIRCUS THREATENED BY HI-TECH BAN

Plethora of low scores as players take advantage of change in conditions at Sandwich

Senior hits heights for share of lead

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE moment the rain came down so heavily late on Wednesday afternoon, the nature of Royal St George's changed — and with it the whole complexion of the 122nd Open Championship. Some of the previous bone-hard firmness was taken from the fairways by the drenching they received and the greens were softened sufficiently for players to expect their pitch shots to the greens to spin backwards. In short, the rain tamed the tiger that St George's had been all week, drawing its teeth, blunting its claws.

"When it was dry and hard, the course was very difficult," Nick Faldo, the champion, said after an opening round of 69. "Now it's wet, you can get spin on the ball. Downwind, it took 40 yards to stop the ball last week. Now you can do it in 20 yards."

After nature had loosened one of the course's principal defences, the players took advantage. At times, there was as much red on the scoreboard as at a meeting of the Communist party. Greg Norman, the 1986 Open champion, Mark Calcavecchia, the 1989 Open champion, Fuzzy Zoeller and Peter Senior, the champion of all small men who use long-handled putters, all went round in 66 and led a field that plundered St George's in a way that is unusual, if not unique, in an Open at this venue.

Bernhard Langer, despite his now normal protestations about his health, had a 67, which included a recovery from a plugged lie in a bunker on the 7th that even he called miraculous. "I've no idea how I got it out," he said. He was joined on that score by Howard Clark, Mark McNulty, Greg Turner, Larry Mize, the former US Masters champion, and Des Smyth, the engaging Irishman. Nick Price had a 68, as did Corey Pavin.

Faldo hit four crisp three-irons that bored their way accurately and determinedly through the gloom and suggested that there was little wrong with the swing of the champion.

There did not look to be anything wrong with Lee Janzen, either. The 69 of the US Open champion contained only one bogey and the more one sees of this young man, the more impressive he seems.

Then through the gathering gloom, their hair ruffled by the rising wind, came two Open heroes. The first was Severiano Ballesteros, who recorded a 68. Those who have seen him struggling to record 73s, 74s and 75s this season will not mind that he let slip a shot on each of the last two holes.

It was sufficient to see the man often and accurately described as the sick man of Europe giving glimpses of his old form.

"It's two years since I felt as good about my game," Ballesteros said. "I only missed three fairways. Today, I felt like I did 15 years ago. If I have three more rounds like this one. I have a very good chance."

The round moved Ballesteros from 50-1 to 33-1 in the bookmakers' estimation. Had he birdied the last two holes instead of bogeying them, he would have been installed as favourite: one birdie would have reduced his odds to 10-1.

Right behind Ballesteros came Jack Nicklaus, who had begun with two birdies in three holes and ended with a stirring iron shot that scarcely moved from the flag.

His 69 could have been better but, as he knows better than most, it could have been worse. It was Nicklaus's lowest first round in an Open since 1977.

All in all, it was a day the like of which had not been expected. In the whole of the first day of the 1985 championship, there were only ten rounds under 70, or under par. Yesterday, there were more than 40 with 21 players still on the course.

At 5ft 5½in, Peter Senior gives heart not only to shorter players but also to those who suffer from the yips. If Senior is not afraid to use a broomhandle putter, then why should they?

He holed four good putts on his way to the turn, ranging from 15 to 30 feet, and his outward nine of 31 equalled the late Henry Cotton's record set in the 1934 Open.

"I played nine holes on Monday and it was bouncy," Senior said. "You had to land it short of the greens, especially on the second hole. You can throw it straight up there now. It is just target golf at the moment."

Greg Norman's big day is usually Sunday. Remember Troon in 1989? Norman opened with six successive birdies on the fourth day on his way to a 64. Did he think yesterday was Sunday and did he forget the inward nine was the harder half?

Perhaps so, for after starting with a double bogey, he covered the next 17 holes in eight under par. His 66 was marked by a glittering run of birdies from the 13th to the 17th.

"How can you explain five birdies in a row," the Shark asked rhetorically? "I hit it close, chipped one in and that was that. I do not know why it happened."

Norman said the course had been a lot harder in practice. "Because it's wet it's playing longer," he said. "If you do not get on the fairway, you can't move it out of the rough so far. But overall it was much harder on Monday and Tuesday.

"Had the conditions remained the same as then, it would have been one of the toughest Opens we had ever played. Now the greens are receptive and it's that much easier."

No day at an Open is complete without some horrors. Steve Pate experienced one with a four-over-par seven on the third.

Mike Harwood, the Australian, underwent an even more bizarre experience when his ball landed in the top left-hand corner of the famous bunker on the 4th. The first problem was to reach it and, rather than risk tumbling down by climbing in from the top, he trudged upwards.

Because it was against the wooden sleepers that reinforce the bunker, Harwood could not get behind the ball to hit it. Instead, he chipped to the bottom and played out. He, too, took a seven and, under the circumstances, to finish in 72 was an achievement.

"It's a ridiculous bunker but a lot of ridiculous things happen on links courses," Harwood said. "My drive got what it deserved." Peter Fowler, his compatriot, had taken seven at the same hole earlier in the day.

Sam Torrance, the Scot, vowed to play on in spite of a freak accident that forced him to take pain-killing tablets yesterday. Torrance, leading money-earner on the European Tour this season and a winner three times, needed treatment three times on his way to completing a 72.

"I was watching television last night and somehow I managed to twist my right shoulder," he explained. "I went to see the physio this morning but, when I hit my first shot, it was like a knife going into my back.

"I have never been in so much pain in my life: it was agony. Considering I was playing with only one arm, it was probably one of my best ever rounds."

But Torrance, who required treatment three times during the round, has no intention of retiring hurt. "I finished today so I will certainly carry on tomorrow," he added.

Mark McNulty's round of 67 was marred by another freak incident, in which he accidentally hit a caddie with his putter. The Zimbabwean was having a practice swing on the 5th tee when he hit Pavin's caddie on the leg.

☐ The attendance figure for the first day yesterday was 28,000, almost exactly the same number as on the opening day at Sandwich in 1985. At Muirfield last year, the first-day figure was 27,500.

Lyle's renaissance, page 38
Patricia Davies, page 38
Daly in the swing, page 38

IAN STEWART



Sand blast: Calcavecchia escapes from a bunker on his way to a 66 in the first round of the Open Championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich, yesterday

Calcavecchia credits his revival to new putter

BY JOHN HOPKINS

AS ROUNDS go, it went quite far. Mark Calcavecchia, the 1989 Open champion, began with a 66. He had started just after breakfast-time, walking jauntily down the first fairway. His head was tilted, that protruding chin of his angled as if he wanted to head-butt the wind and light rain that flew against his face.

Calcavecchia played with Nick Faldo, the champion, and outscored him by three strokes. Calcavecchia and Steve Elkington talked a lot but Calcavecchia and Faldo seemed to share only a few words. "He never says much," Calcavecchia said. "I respect him for that. You're not out there for conversation." Since he won at Royal Troon, Calcavecchia has found it hard to maintain that level of form. "I didn't practise," he admitted. "It's kind of hard to practise when you're shooting 65s and 66s." He soon found though that unless you practise you don't continue recording those scores.

He identified his putting as the main cause. It had turned as sour as a bowl of old milk. "Sometimes you would stand over a short putt and feel like your head was screwed on backwards," he said.

He went through putters at a rate of knots. He has at least 75 at home in Phoenix. Then, in April, he found and bought his 76th, for $45. It was love at first sight. "I haven't changed putters since April," he said. "I haven't even thrown it since then." His new friend did not let him down: a 15-footer on the second disappeared in to the hole and so did a four-footer for a par on the sixth.

The inward nine was tougher, fighting the rising wind. Birdies on the 10th and 12th helped. He survived the Trinity, the 13th, 14th and 15th holes, and then gritted his teeth. A crisis erupted on the 17th. Torrential rain fell for five minutes during which his second pulled up 20 yards from the flag.

To the old Calcavecchia this would have been a difficult distance. Thanks to his new putter, this time he got down in two more. A spring entered his step, a smile spread over his engaging, slightly crumpled features.

"I love to come over here. It is my favourite tournament in the world to play in. It's nice to come here playing good and putting good," he said.

Calcavecchia's use of English is cavalier, rather like his golf. He mangles his drives, often ending up off balance. But the ball goes a long way, often in the right direction. It is good to see him playing well again in Britain.

THE OPEN LEADER BOARD

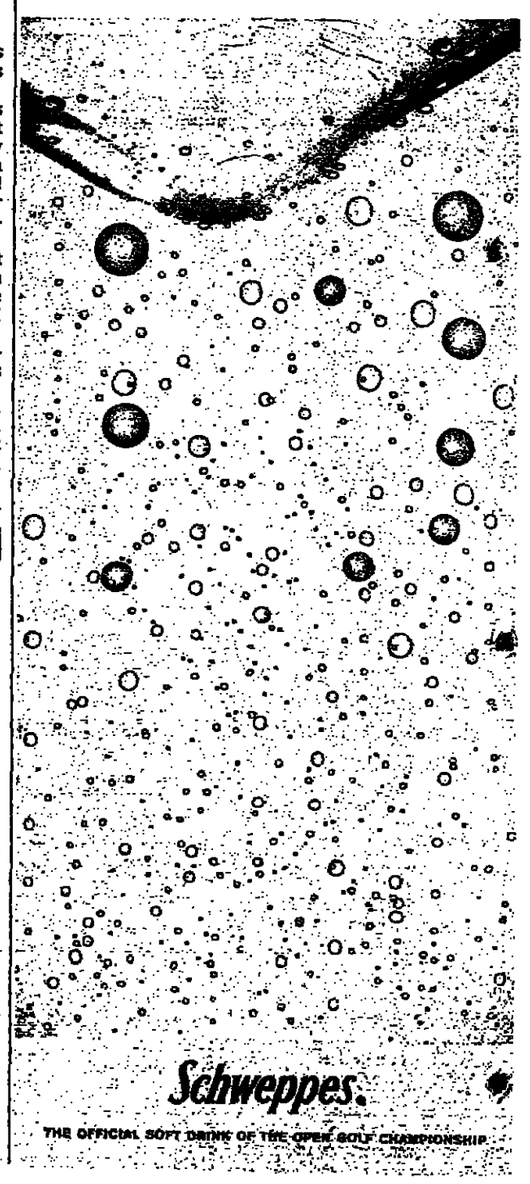
Rank Xerox
The Document Company

Royal St George's: Par 70 (6,860 yards)
Outward nine - 35 (3,306 yards); Inward nine - 35 (3,452 yards)

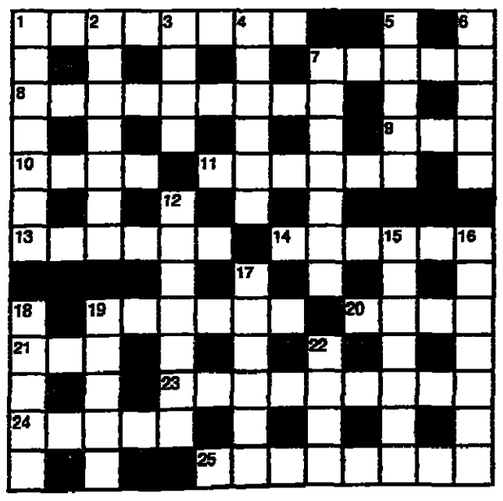
4 Par · Under par · Over par

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Yards	441	376	210	468	421	155	530	418	389	399	216	365	443	507	466	163	425	468	1st md
Par	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	
P Senior (Aus)	4	3	3	4	3	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	3
M Calcavecchia (US)	4	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	3
G Norman (Aus)	5	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	3

Full list of early first round scores on page 38



CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3149



ACROSS
1 Tape repeat (8)
7 Conscript selection (5)
8 Increase the stakes (2,3,4)
9 Shooting party member (3)
10 Shine (4)
11 Centre (6)
13 Initial film prints (6)
14 Light meals (6)
19 Clamour (6)
20 Scottish stream (4)
21 Knotted thong whip (3)
23 Wretched (9)
24 Part (5)
25 Jet aircraft fuel (8)

DOWN
1 Drain clearer (7)
2 Book writers (7)
3 Beer fermentation (4)
4 Frank (6)
5 Emblem (5)
6 Smart (5)
7 Inescapable position (4,3)
12 Franc part (7)
15 Fragment (7)
16 Not hypocritical (7)
17 Sad (6)
18 Range of view (5)
19 Additional (5)
22 Therefore (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3148

ACROSS: 7 Bear 8 Iron Duke 9 Stench 10 Grumpy 11 Etch 12 Away team 15 Flywheel 17 Fawn 18 Pliers 21 Nettle 22 Notional 23 Roan

DOWN: 1 Teetotal 2 Brunch 3 With care 4 Long 5 Adjust 6 Skip 13 All in all 14 As well as 16 Weevil 17 Future 19 Look 20 Sink

CROSSWORD ENTHUSIASTS: The Times Concise Crosswords — Books 1 & 2 £5.25 each. Books 3 & 4 £4.25 each. The Times Jumbo Crosswords — Book 1 £4.99, Book 2 £5.99, Concise Book 1 £5.99. The Times Crosswords — Books 1, 7, 14, 15 & 16 £4.25 each; Books 2 to 13 (excl. 7) £4.74 each. The Sunday Times Crosswords — Books 1 to 10 £4.74 each except Books 5, 9 and 11 £4.25 each. Concise Books 1 & 2 £4.25 each. Prices inc p&p (UK). Cheques to *Akom Ltd*, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW. Return delivery. Tel 081-852 4575 (24 hrs).

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a possible variation from the game Conquest — Arkell, Watson, Farley & Williams/City of London Corporation Chess Challenge 1991. White has sacrificed a rook for a vicious attack. He can now conclude with a quiet move. Can you see it?



For information on any aspect of *The Times* World Championship match and the City of London Chess Festival call 071-388 8223.

Solution on page 35
Championship Chess, page 4

WORD GAMES

By Philip Howard

ABASIA
a. Abasement before a ruler
b. Lack of kissing
c. Inability to walk

LADANG
a. A belt or girdle
b. A jungle clearing
c. Oriental marquetry

WAIATA
a. A Maori song
b. A Pacific Ocean chart
c. The after-life

RETICELLA
a. A nun's cell
b. Venetian lace
c. The huntsman's recall

Answers on page 35

هكذا من الأصل